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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(OO: HQ, INC., IN NORTH CAROLINA)

RE: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
COMMITTEE OF UNITED KLANS
OF AMERICA, INC. (NIC)

Re Bureau airtel to Charlotte, Atlanta, and Birmingham dated 6/20/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are three (3) copies of a letter which Charlotte proposes in the furtherance of the National Intelligence Committee (NIC) operation in the Charlotte Division's counterintelligence program. This letter will be prepared on the letterhead of the NIC and will bear the seals and identical stamped approvals of the chairman and co-chairman as was done in the original letter put out by the committee under the date of June 5, 1967.

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The enclosed letter re-aims the NIC original orders and sets out in the body a further attack against [redacted] and SHELTON stating some of the reasons for the action taken by the committee.

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The letter also contains information setting out the opinion of members of the committee indicating that [redacted] if permitted to remain, would lead the North Carolina klan into difficulty. This portion of the letter is significant since the counterintelligence program in this operation is being geared to coincide with the anticipated indictment and arrest of numerous klansmen in the case entitled, [redacted] ET AL, RACIAL VIOLENCE SOUTH ROWAN KLAVERN, UKA, INC., AKKK, BOMBING MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS- CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964; RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN; CONSPIRACY [redacted]

This will give Charlotte the opportunity to submit an additional letter at a later date with the committee pointing out to the North Carolina klansmen that they had been warned that [redacted] leadership would ultimately lead the North Carolina klan into difficulty.

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The letter also sets out an attack by the committee against SHELTON and [redacted] for calling in the FBI and postal authorities with the inference being that they know full well of the committee's existence and points out that their statements in this regard are hypocritical and simply an effort on their part to continue in office.

The letter also carries an inference that members of this committee are scattered throughout the klan and are now working diligently to see that the committee's mandate of 6/5/67, is carried out.

The statements in the letter concerning the committee's desire to have [redacted] assume the duties imposed upon them by the original mandate are placed in the letter with the thought that subsequent letters can be issued by the committee banishing both [redacted] for their non-compliance with the committee's orders.

Charlotte would strongly recommend Bureau approval of the enclosed letter and it is felt that this letter should be issued by the committee during the early part of July, 1967, so that its maximum effect can be felt at a time to coincide with the indictments and arrests of the klansmen in the case above indicated.

Charlotte contemplates that this letter in this instance will be forwarded not only to those receiving the original mandate, but to all units in North Carolina directly in order to have maximum effect when it is expected that considerable publicity will be utilized not only in this second NIC letter being issued,

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but also the vast publicity which is expected to arise from the indictments and arrests mentioned above.

Charlotte recommends approval of the enclosed letter and if the Bureau concurs, Charlotte will prepare this letter on NIC letterhead and forward it to the Atlanta Division for mailing.

Charlotte's recommendations concerning a letter to be prepared on the letterhead of [redacted] will be contingent upon the distribution of the enclosed letter and in view of the time element involved, the enclosed letter is being forwarded separately and Charlotte's recommendations concerning the [redacted] letter will be forwarded at a later date.

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For the Bureau's information, Charlotte has been successful in obtaining the personal letterhead and envelopes of [redacted] but is considering the feasibility of using identical stationery which may tend to pinpoint the source and Charlotte will make further recommendations in this regard at a later date.

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This committee by virtue of the power and authority vested in it as set forth in the KLAN IN ACTION, issued an official and formal mandate to all Imperial Officers and Grand Dragons of the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan on June 5, 1967.

In this mandate, [redacted] of the United Klans of America, Inc., for the Realm of North Carolina, was removed from his position effective June 7, 1967, and was divested of all powers and privileges of his office.

By this same mandate and effective on the same date, Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton was suspended from his position until further notice by this committee.

This mandate was issued after this committee had made extensive inquiry into the controversy existing in the Realm of North Carolina, and the action was not taken lightly and the mandate was issued only after serious and lengthy deliberations.

The action was taken concerning [redacted] after the following listed allegations, among others, were determined to be valid: b7c

1. [redacted] was elected [redacted] in [redacted] for a two-year term of office. Having failed to hold elections for the Office of [redacted] is not acting in the best interests of the Klan.

2. He has failed to completely account for all funds and moneys received by him to the membership which has resulted in a loss of confidence in his leadership abilities and allegations received concerning his morals have not improved the Klan image in North Carolina.

3. He has failed to obtain competent legal counsel to enforce the klan's rights in the Realm of North Carolina.

The action set forth in the mandate of this committee of June 5, 1967, concerning Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton was taken after the following allegations concerning Mr. Shelton were found to have substance:

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1. Mr. Shelton was aware of the situation in North Carolina involving the personal misconduct and dereliction of [redacted] and failed to take action.

2. In addition, Mr. Shelton has failed to provide the klan with an overall policy which the mass of American patriots could recognize and applaud.

3. He has failed to provide the Realms with literature and klan material to enable the various state organizations to continue to grow and prosper.

For the above stated reasons, both [redacted] and Mr. Shelton were the subject of the action taken by this committee as previously stated and this present mandate is being issued to notify all persons within the Klan Empire that the original action of this committee is hereby affirmed and is declared to be in full force and effect.

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It is the considered opinion of the members of this committee that if [redacted] had been permitted to remain in the position of [redacted] in North Carolina, he most surely would have led our people in North Carolina down the road to destruction. This committee cannot undo the actions which [redacted] has permitted and condoned, but it can attempt to prevent future reoccurrences by his removal. Some of his acts of indiscretion prior to our mandate may still lead some of our brothers into trouble and disgrace. This committee could not permit, in good conscience, [redacted] to continue any longer.

Friends of this committee have made available to us the public statements of Mr. Robert M. Shelton and [redacted] issued on June 13 and June 14, 1967, denying the existence of this committee and calling upon the FBI and the postal authorities to attack this committee on the basis that our mandate constituted a mail fraud.

This committee considers these hypocritical statements and the statements of Mr. Shelton and [redacted] concerning calling in the FBI and the postal authorities to be an attempt to intimidate and blackmail this committee; and further, denial of this committee's existence is merely a means of self-preservation in an effort to prolong their tenure in office. However, their dictatorial authority and their attempt at intimidation and blackmail can never reach the members of this honorable committee.

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The secret of our power lies in the secrecy of our membership. By this means we see and hear everything. We know the evil forces but they do not know us. By our secret membership, we gather a world of evidence, and even now our friends throughout the Empire are working diligently to see that our mandate of June 5, 1967, will be carried out.

This committee again commands and directs that Grand [redacted] Realm of North Carolina, assume the duties of Acting Grand [illegible], and is further ordered to personally take possession and secure all klan records, books, funds, property, and paraphernalia now in the possession of [redacted] and carry out the orders and directives of this committee's mandate of June 5, 1967.

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Likewise, Imperial [redacted] is hereby commanded and ordered to assume the duties of Imperial Wizard and carry out such other orders and directives of this committee as ordered in this committee's mandate of June 5, 1967.

Take heed and know that a member who fails to respect the penalty imposed on another member shall receive the same penalty as if he, himself, were guilty of that offense. (Offenses and Penalties, Article XX, Section 5, Constitution and Laws of the United Klans of America, Incorporated, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, as amended, ratified, and approved by the Imperial Klomcilium at Birmingham, Alabama, September, 1964).

"GOD GIVE US MEN!"

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1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

To: SACs, Atlanta (157-826)
Charlotte (157-281)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-8)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
NORTH CAROLINA)

ReBuairtel dated 6/20/67 and CEairtel dated 6/23/67.

In view of the possibility of a technical violation of the mail fraud statute in connection with the mailing of the National Intelligence Committee (NIC) letter, authority is not granted at this time for Charlotte to make the second mailing of the above letter.

Atlanta if not already done should immediately contact the office of the postal inspector as instructed in referenced Bureau airtel to determine if that office plans any investigation relative to the mail fraud complaint made by Shelton and others as well as whether the postal inspector believes the mailing of the NIC letter to be in violation of the mail fraud statute.

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Atlanta Suairtel results of contact with the postal inspector's office.

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Upon receipt of the above, Charlotte will be advised concerning the second mailing of the NIC letter.

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The first NIC "intelligence report" reportedly prepared by the super-secret Intelligence Committee of the United Klans of America suspended Imperial Wizard Shelton and removed Grand Dragon Jones from their positions. This

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Airtel to Atlanta
RE: Counterintelligence Program
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has caused widespread discontent, dissension, and confusion throughout Klan ranks. Shelton and others presented complaints to the FBI and postal authorities demanding an investigation under the mail fraud statute. Prior to authorizing a second mailing of this NIC letter, it is believed we should ascertain whether postal authorities consider Shelton's complaint worthy of investigation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., IN NORTH CAROLINA)

RE: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE
OF UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
(NIC)

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 6/23/67.

Charlotte Division continues to take advantage of every opportunity to create additional dissension and cause further disruption within the UKA, particularly in the leadership in North Carolina.

Results of the Charlotte Division Counterintelligence Program related to the National Intelligence Committee operation have been most gratifying and reports are being received from informants indicating that this operation has contributed greatly to a down-surge in attendance at the local unit level, and interest and attendance at klan rallies have fallen off appreciably.

Further results have been noted in the Eastern Provinces of the Klan in North Carolina with informants reporting that the Greenville, North Carolina, Unit #53, the Comfort,

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North Carolina, Unit, and the Jones County Unit have disbanded. These units had previously experienced a decrease in attendance and interest and it appears that the National Intelligence Committee operation has directly resulted in the decision of these units to disband completely.

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Charlotte is issuing appropriate instructions to informants in connection with this activity and will continue to create confusion and disturbances within the klan and will attempt to further through these meetings the demand for [redacted] ouster by as many klansmen as possible.

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For the information of the Bureau, the following news articles as appearing in the editions of the various papers indicated, have appeared in connection with Charlotte's National Intelligence Committee operation.

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By ROBERT WOGGON
June 9

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI)—Apparently there are some extra sheets in the linen closet of the Ku Klux Klan. The rebel leaders seem to have a supersecret intelligence agency that top Klan leaders know nothing about.

The existence of the "National Intelligence Committee (NIC)," came to light in letters sent to many Klansmen from Atlanta.

The NIC is the latters, says Grand Imperial Wizard Bryan Stelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., head of the nation's largest Klan group, the United Klans of America, Inc., and J. Robert Jones, grand dragon of the North Carolina Klan, "could be fake or online."

Stelton said he'd never heard of the NIC and doubted he was denied access to information in the dark about the NIC, said "I was not thrown into the Klan and I will not be thrown out."

In Atlanta, Grand Dragon Calvin Craig of the Georgia Klan contended there was no official intelligence group within the Klan.

The FBI, which knows more about Klan activities than most Klansmen, refused to get involved. "We prefer they fight it out among themselves," an agent said.

The former Imperial Kludd (chaplain) of the United Klans, George P. Dorsett, currently in a type of war with Jones for control of the North Carolina Klan, claimed the NIC has existed since 1961 and is composed of about 50 Klansmen from throughout the nation.

He scoffed Stelton and Jones of "ignoring" the existence of the NIC. "I think they're [illegible] committee. They're just [illegible] to bypass me," Dorsett said.

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Kinston Daily Free Press

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By NED CHILD
Post Staff Writer

The grand dragon said today he's still breathing fire.

J. R. (Bob) Jones, grand dragon of the North Carolina Ku Klux Klan, issued a blanket denial of yesterday's published report that he had been removed from office.

Jones, [illegible], said he does not plan to honor any authority of the group known as the National Intelligence Committee of the Klan.

The committee yesterday said Jones and Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton had been removed from office.

Jones said there is no such organization as the intelligence committee within the Klan. "I've never heard of it," he said. "And if there is such a thing I believe I'd know it."

Jones was supported in his stand by Shelton and by Calvin Craig, the Georgia grand dragon. The committee is allegedly headquartered in Atlanta, Ga.

The committee is supposed to be the super secret arm — the eyes and ears — of the Klan.

"It's all made up," Jones said. "There's no truth to the report. I was not thrown into the Klan and I won't be thrown out. I didn't turn over any reports to the House committee (in Washington) and I don't plan to turn over any reports to the intelligence committee. I was the grand dragon yesterday, am the grand dragon today, and so far as I know will be grand dragon to-morrow."

The committee said it had the authority to remove Jones for malfeasance. But by just what authority is not known.

The existence of such a committee is also unknown. The Klan emphasizes such secrecy that many of the members don't know what's going on.

It is also known that many Klansmen are beginning to suspect each other since many leading Klan officials and members have been [illegible] to the media.

Jones said he has "a pretty good idea" who furnished The Post with the committee report yesterday and that the person might be in direct line for some Klan jurisdictional justice. (a good whipping).

Jones said "I have been unhappy recently with the leak of information and have been trying to determine" The Post's source. Several Klansmen have admitted this.

The committee (CIC) yesterday said it had removed Jones and replaced him with Fred Wilson of Salisbury, the state treasurer of the Klan. Wilson said late yesterday he was so surprised to hear the report that he would not accept the post.

Jones told The Post that the report made Wilson "laugh." Wilson has been ill, Jones said, and the report was the first thing to make him laugh in a long time.

The report Thursday accused Jones of failing to hold an election, as scheduled. Jones said this is all bagwash and that he is not scheduled to run for re-election until next February.

He did say, however, that he plans to hold a state meeting in Raven Cliffs on Aug. 6 for election of Klan officers. A state rally will be held the night before.

Jones and the other top Klansmen believe the NIC idea was cooked up by George Dorsett, the retail president of Greensboro who has been trying to get Jones removed from office. Dorsett, [illegible] and [illegible] of the NIC report [illegible]

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Dorsett was roughly handled by Shelton and Jones after he had been kicked out of the Klan. Dorsett said his banishment was illegal and he would not accept it.

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Klan Officers Deposed

BY ROBERT L. ZUMAN
Daily News Staff Writer

Mrs. Sylvia Jones of Granite Quarry, and the Rev. George Dorsett of Greensboro, Grand Friday (whether the United Klans of America has in Nov. House Intelligence Committee empowered to investigate allegedly elected officials of the UKA.

Dorsett, who says he is the UKA's Imperial Kludd (national chaplain), received a letter earlier this week from the NIC. The letter stated that J. Robert Jones, N.C. Grand Dragon, and Robert Shelton, UKA Imperial Wizard of Tuscaloosa, Ala., have been removed from their offices.

MRS. JONES, state Klan secretary, said a copy of the letter was sent to her husband, who "called the National Office and talked with Mr. Shelton."

Mrs. Jones said that Shelton and her husband have never heard of the NIC. "Therefore it could not be a part of the United Klans of America Inc.," she said.

"They could not be ousted by someone who doesn't belong to the Klan," she continued. "They were put in by members of the United Klan and will remain in their offices until put out by members of the Klan."

Mrs. Jones said her husband's three-year term will not expire until February, 1969. She said he was elected "at which "all units were represented."

According to Dorsett, the NIC was formed in 1966 "by people to protect themselves from the leadership."

He said that members of the NIC "have dealt with problems that have come up, but decisions that had been made. This is the first time an official letter has been sent out."

The letter ordered that a [illegible] Klan [illegible] meeting and a national convention of the UKA be held by September to elect leaders. The NIC ordered that no money be contributed either to the North Carolina or national Klan offices until further notice.

When asked whether he speaks for the NIC he replied "I think so," Dorsett said, "if they keep dropping the assistance of the committee."

The question loomed Friday whether rank-and-file members of the secret segregationist group will accept the ousting of Shelton and Jones.

If the NIC order is in fact binding upon the two leaders, informed sources said there could be a split in the UKA, with Jones and Shelton setting up a splinter group.

Dorsett said that he didn't think the emergence of a splinter group would be a good thing because there would be a fight between the two groups.

"Yes, I think Jones will move to set up a group of his own," Dorsett continued, but he added that he didn't think Shelton would give up the UKA.

He said Shelton could restore himself to good standing by admitting that he did wrong in covering up for Mr. Jones," Dorsett said. "But his dignity probably not let him apologize."

THE NIC order named Melvin Benton, also of Tuscaloosa, as acting Imperial Wizard, and Fred Wilson of Salisbury as acting Grand Dragon of the North Carolina Klan.

Mrs. Jones said Wilson "has been very rich" and that he told Jones he could not accept the post. She said Wilson is in his early 30s and owns a profitable [illegible] business.

"I just don't understand why they [illegible] these particular cases, [illegible] they've sent close to Shelton and Jones. [illegible] would have thought they would possibly have appointed Roy Frankhouser of Atlanta (national vice president) to the position of [illegible] president. Dorsett said that Frankhouser [illegible] Dorsett said that Frankhouser [illegible] Dorsett said that Frankhouser [illegible]

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Melvin Sexton, imperial secretary of the United Klans of America Inc., says reports that he will assume the duties of imperial Wizard Robert Shelton are "completely false and fraudulent."

Sexton told the Associated Press from Muscadoga Monday, an unsigned letter dated June 5 from a so-called national intelligence committee of the United Klans had been sent to various officials of the organization.

"No such committee exists," Sexton said, adding: "If there were such a committee, the imperial wizard himself would be chairman thereof under the rules and dogma of the organization.

"Shelton is still the imperial wizard."

Sexton said the letter also announced the suspension of J. Robert Jones, North Carolina grand dragon, but that this is equally false.

The letter was reportedly signed with the initials J. D. as chairman in Atlanta, Ga., of the committee and R. S. T. as co-chairman in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Several days ago, in Atlanta, Calvin Craig, grand dragon of Georgia, also denied the existence of a national intelligence committee.

"Robert Jones is still 100 per cent the grand dragon of North Carolina and Robert Shelton is still 100 per cent the imperial wizard of the Klan," he said.

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (AP)—George Dorsett of Greensboro was forcibly expelled from the North Carolina Ku Klux Klan [illegible] he "engineered" the marriage of James (Catfish) Cole back into the Klan order. A high Klan official named Melvin Sartor of Tuscaloosa, Ala., in a new release designing he had been named Imperial Wizard of the KKK by the National Intelligence Committee said "He (Cole) was forcibly expelled because he had violated our regulation in that he as a national officer had recommended and endorsed the membership of our dear (Catfish) Cole in a North Carolina unit of the Klan keeping at the time that the said Cole was not eligible for membership in the Klan because of his former indictment and conviction for the incitement of the Cherokee (sic) Indian tribe of North Carolina to riot, and his subsequent sentence in the North Carolina penitentiary for this felony, as well as other bad conduct in his background."

Cole had been charged with inciting the Lumbee Indians to riot near Maxton in Robeson County Jan. 13, [illegible]. The Indians, firing shotgun and rifle [illegible] a band of [illegible] men [illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible] the territory [illegible] Indians [illegible] was [illegible]

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Dorsett Booted By SBI Order, Cole Claims

By LAWRENCE FALK

RALEIGH — (UPI) — George Dorsett was kicked out of the Ku Klux Klan because a North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation official ordered Grand Dragon J. Robert Jones to do so, another exalted Klansman said Thursday.

James W. (Catfish) Cole, in a telephone interview, said Sergent L. H. Allen of Greensboro told Jones at a May 27 meeting of the Klan "Jones, you must get rid of George Dorsett."

Jones and KKK Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., kicked Dorsett—the Klan's imperial chaplain—out of the hooded order because "Dorsett recommended and engineered" Cole back into the Klan.

Shelton, Jones and Bobbie Sexton, also of Tuscaloosa, the imperial kligrapp (secretary) of the United Klans of America—considered the largest Klan group in the country—said Dorsett was forced out from the group because of his involvement in Cole's reinstatement in the Klan by Jones.

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Stillwell Agent Had Ordered Ouster

By LAWRENCE FAIR

United Press International

George Dorsett was kicked out of the Ku Klux Klan because a State Bureau of Investigation official ordered Grand Dragon J. Robert Jones to do so, another ousted Klansman said Thursday. The SBI director denied it.

James W. (Catfish) Cole, in a telephone interview, said SBI Agent L. B. Allen of Greensboro told Jones at a May 27 meeting of the Klan "Jones, you must get rid of George Dorsett."

"So, James W. Cole is not the issue of getting rid of George Dorsett," Cole said. "The real issue was that Jones was informed by his superiors in the State Bureau of Investigation that George Dorsett must be gotten rid of."

Myron McBryde, director of the SBI, denied the charge, saying "Mr. Allen did not attend a rally May 27. Therefore he could not have made any such statement.

"We, of course, cover all rallies and on occasion do interview their members. But Mr. Allen has never made any such statement to any member of the Klan."

Jones and KKK Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., kicked Dorsett — the Klan's imperial Kudzu, or chaplain, — out of the hooded order because Dorsett "recommended and engineered" Cole back into the Klan.

Cole had been head of a North Carolina Klan unit when, on Jan. 18, 1965, a group of his followers were routed by rifle-firing Lumbee Indians at Maxton in Robeson County. Cole later served a 18-month sentence for inciting to riot.

Shelton, Jones and Melvin Sexton, also of Tuscaloosa, the imperial Kligrapp (secretary) of the United Klans of America — considered the largest Klan group in the country — said Dorsett had been ousted from the group because of his support of Cole was not in keeping with Klan bylaws.

Cole, however, denied this. He said when Allen allegedly told Jones to "get rid of" Dorsett, Jones replied, "I can't just throw him out." Allen then said "get rid of him. I don't care how you do it," Cole added.

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Small Crowd Hears Klan

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Grand Dragon A. Roger Jones wasn't satisfied with the attendance he had at a Klan rally near Charlotte Saturday.

"They didn't let the people know about it," said Jones. "The smaller the town, the bigger the [illegible]."

The rally was held on the farm of R. S. Smith on Lakeview Road, off Highway 51, 10 miles north of Charlotte, was attended by about [illegible] persons.

The N.C. Klan is now holding rallies across the State, starting from the Fifth Congressional District to the Eleventh and the back again, according to Jones.

Between 18 and 20 Klan Security Guards patrolled the field in which the rally was held and [illegible] to insure [illegible] [illegible] Jones said that there was no sign [illegible] of Security Guards at the meeting.

Four Security Guards, [illegible] and his wife spoke at the rally. A [illegible] was handed [illegible] [illegible] S. Smith [illegible] Jones said that he was [illegible] Klan [illegible].

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Ku Klux Klan Dies, Says Ex-Grand Dragon

Ab Davis Quits Post

Most Klansmen are confused, flying disillusioned by the disclosure that last month's N.C. Klan [illegible]

But there are some additional gift that most Klansmen received where C. Grand Dragon James Jones and Imperial Wizard Robert Shelton were as cozy as (ten years in a pot) have been operating at arms' length for at least a month.

The prime reason is that Shelton has become married and losing his Klan organization in Eastern North Carolina and has become confused about [illegible]

Eastern [illegible] have [illegible] among the loudest voices in the chorus of angry accusations against Jones. Jones' handling of Klan finances, some of the eastern Klansmen have been [illegible] from Shelton's United Klans of America, another Southern Klan's rival [illegible] of financial allegations.

To Schaper what he could of the eastern Klansmen. Shelton [illegible] a week in the east in April while Jones was busy in Fayetteville.

The upshot is [illegible] a major [illegible]

[illegible] advised [illegible] Klansmen to move into the [illegible] business. If the Klan would buy a movie projector, [illegible] would supply films with free [illegible] of right-wing messages.

These films could be shown at public gatherings to replace the traditional cross burning ceremonies and pep talks from Klan officials. The films could be left in the local Klaverns and the members or regional officers, Shelton said.

Shelton's action in freezing the local units from immediately kicking in to state headquarters apparently has angered Jones, who has complained recently that there is not enough money coming into state headquarters to pay salaries — his of $100 a week and his wife's of $100 a week — and meet expenses.

He might well have some thing there.

Klan membership in North Carolina is down as much as 2,000 from the 8,500 members estimated last January and it is falling fast.

Among those members remaining in the local units there is a [illegible] attitude toward attending meetings paying dues or chipping in to the Klan kitty in spite of the threat of Wizard the dissolution has received.

Klansmen are [illegible] [illegible] have fallen off sharply in the past year.

In 1966 the North Carolina Klan held 300 public rallies. Reliable sources have put the average attendance there at 1,000 persons per rally.

The public records present a comparison to date this year.

So far in 1967 there have been only 175 public rallies. The average attendance has fallen below 500 persons and the average collections total between [illegible] and [illegible].

Significantly Klansmen have said privately that the rallies have only warm good men in rallies totaled about [illegible] each, none of which was profitable to the membership at large.

In 1966 the average attendance had fallen off to 600 persons at 135 public rallies, and the collections had dropped to an average of $[illegible].

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Klan Decoy Seen In Wadesboro Rally

By DWAYNE WARD
Charlotte Observer Staff Writer

The 100-car so "Ku Klux Klansman who mustered in Wadesboro Sunday marched silently through the streets. But they left behind in a message across North Carolina that rang loud and clear.

The N.C. realm of the Klan, once a crown jewel in the invisible empire, is failing apart.

Veteran Klansmanhers, analyzing recent reports from a network of informers, have been reported plain that the organization is crumbling.

The Wadesboro rally only further confirmed their suspicions.

In perfect weather and an atmosphere that Klansmen believed the Ku Klux Klan tried to capitalize on racial unrest, only fifteen in the opinion of knowledgeable observers [illegible]

Wadesboro is no hotbed of hatred. Its school integration problem could become more serious by fall. But at the moment, at least, Wadesboro is the center of racial unrest in North Carolina.

Yet Grand Dragon James R. Jones Clarion call for Klansmen to rally 'round the Wadesboro situation produced fewer uniformed Klansmen than normally would be expected at a peaceable meeting.

Significantly, townspeople recognized fewer than a handful of the Klan marchers. If the local Klan chapters participated in the parade they presumably were either ashamed or afraid — even their regalia.

A public rally and cross burning followed the march through town. Only about 200 in the city was to attend the rally, [illegible]

The Klan oratory that

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[illegible] rolled over the scrub pines [illegible] sounded more like a whoosh than the shrill, hate [illegible] that pierced the night above [illegible] pastures a decade or [illegible] years ago.

Using the Wadesboro performance as a guide, State officers now are predicting that by fall the hooded order will be dead as dormant as its namesake if the state can get through the summer and the September anniversary opening without a serious outbreak of racial trouble.

The Klan's current state of decay is due largely to two factors—internal bickering among the leadership, mostly over power and money matters, and an absence of any real issue to hold Klansmen together.

The local chapters across the state have fallen into a state of chronic financial anemia, brought on by a statewide anti-Klan campaign which has shut off the flow of profits from hand-out and pallet.

The state leadership, in turn, has [illegible] its treasury on personal salaries, disbursements plus out-sized legal fees needed constantly in the past year to bail out state and local leaders caught in the increasingly fine web of law enforcement.

Money squabbling among Klansmen broke into the open early this year after stumbling through last fall. Behind its back range an open split between two factions.

That split, between [illegible] Grand Dragon James R. Jones and the Klan's former national chaplain George Dorsett of Greensboro, not only has widened, it has fostered significant rifts.

A grand jury sitting here the National Intelligence Committee (NIC) alleged several weeks ago [illegible] out Jones and national Klan leader Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala. Jones and Shelton tried hard to ignore the NIC, backing up first with a non-violent organization and then [illegible] Dorsett [illegible].

Finally Shelton [illegible] called on the Federal Bureau of Investigation, "[illegible] agent of dirty [illegible] Klan, to get the NIC off the Klan's back [illegible] for mail fraud [illegible].

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By [illegible]
Post Staff Writer

The dragon is going to have a party.

Come one and bring a gift. [illegible] is preferred.

This is [illegible] across the state [illegible]. A [illegible] available to The Post.

The party is for Grand Dragon [illegible] Jones' new home [illegible] not far from Granite [illegible].

[illegible] Jones is [illegible] to the [illegible] state's grand dragon [illegible] throughout the state [illegible]

The housewarming is apparently designed to help Jones get a head start on outfitting his new home [illegible].

[illegible] BUILDERS

[illegible] construction [illegible] were building the home for [illegible] Bryant is now asking klansmen to furnish it.

Bryant urges the members of the [illegible] to "dig deep" and come up with some gift of value to [illegible] their loyalty [illegible]

[illegible] Jones and [illegible] believe [illegible] show him [illegible] some faith with gifts [illegible].

Jones is described by Bryant as having performed his services as dragon in an outstanding manner "many times at great personal sacrifice [illegible] particularly due to the great mental and emotional [illegible] of this great man."

Bryant [illegible] Jones' weekly salary of [illegible] plus Mrs. Jones weekly pay of [illegible]. Nor did the [illegible] the [illegible] and klan jewelry which is sold by Jones.

The financial structure of the [illegible], in fact, is [illegible] the [illegible] Washington [illegible] Jones [illegible] financial [illegible] as he should [illegible].

OVERDUE

[illegible] Bryant [illegible] full support of Jones [illegible]

[illegible] of Virginia [illegible] dragon [illegible] years [illegible]

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Charlotte will keep the Bureau fully advised of developments in connection with the National Intelligence Committee operation.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

DATE: 7/7/67

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., N.C.)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

RE: QUARTERLY PROGRESS LETTER

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau 3/31/67.

The following is an analysis of the Counterintelligence Program in the Charlotte Division:

The Bureau has previously been advised concerning these various operations under the Counterintelligence Program and is being kept aware of the program on a continuing basis by separate communications.

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It was realized that this would have an antagonizing effect on [redacted] who is violently opposed to [redacted] ever becoming a member of the UKA. This action ultimately led [redacted] to call a state meeting in which he alleged he had the support of various Titans, either in person or voting by proxy, [redacted]

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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These letters have been detrimental to [redacted] leadership, pointing out his alcoholic excesses, low moral standards and his failure to account for monies received.

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This operation has also been furthered through the issuance of a letter prepared by Charlotte on the letterhead of the National Intelligence Committee, which letter ousted [redacted] as North Carolina [redacted] suspended Imperial Wizard ROBERT M. SHELTON and appointed other individuals to assume these positions on a temporary basis. The Bureau has been kept fully advised of the results of this operation which have been most gratifying with informants reporting a sharp drop in attendance at meetings of numerous Units and considerable confusion being created as a result of this National Intelligence Committee letter.

Charlotte has at the present time submitted to the Bureau for approval a second letter to be issued under the National Intelligence Committee letterhead. The Bureau has advised that this is being held in abeyance pending clarification of possible action taken by Postal authorities in connection with a possible technical mail fraud violation.

Charlotte will continue to take every opportunity to disrupt the Klan leadership in North Carolina and further the dissension presently existing among various Units and members.

PROGRAM REGARDING POSSIBLE USE
OF MASONIC PUBLICATIONS

During this reporting period Charlotte proposed by separate communication to the Bureau the possible use of Masonic publications to point out the inconsistency of individuals being members of the Klan while holding membership in such organizations as the Masons and other civic groups.

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Following appropriate recommendations to the Bureau and consideration by the Bureau, the Bureau denied this proposal and no further efforts have been undertaken in this regard.

PROGRAM REGARDING POSSIBLE USE
OF AMERICAN LEGION PUBLICATIONS

Similarly, Charlotte considered the possible use of appropriate American Legion publications along the lines that would have been used in Masonic publications to hold the Klan up as an organization of ill repute and pointing out to all members of the Legion the inconsistency of membership in the two organizations, and it was felt that this could possibly lead to a lessening of Klan membership by those individuals who were already members of the American Legion.

Recommendations in regard to this program were withheld in view of the Bureau's denial of the program utilizing Masonic publications and since the program to oust [redacted] was beginning to have a material affect.

In the event that such program is felt feasible in the future Charlotte will make appropriate recommendations at that time.

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PROGRAM REGARDING POSSIBLE COPYRIGHT
VIOLATION CONCERNING KLORAN

In this connection [redacted] by ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of UKA, could possibly be an infringement on a copyright held [redacted] had indicated that he had obtained a copyright of the Kloran being used by the UKA.

A copy of this Kloran was made available to the Bureau and WFO for suitable inquiries at the Copyright Office, Washington, D. C., concerning a possible copyright violation.

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WFO subsequently advised that certified copies of the copyright application for the Kloran had been found for a registration in the year 1957, but a copy of the publication had not been retained.

Subsequently, the Bureau advised that it felt that an attempt to prove a violation of the Copyright Statute in order for [redacted] to sue SHELTON for infringement of the copyright was not worth the effort and, therefore, no further action was taken in this regard.

PROGRAM IN REGARD TO WIDOW'S BENEVOLENT FUND, UKA

In this connection Charlotte has in its attacks against [redacted] stressed his failure to account for monies which he has received through collections at rallies, through the sale of Klan books, records, and other paraphernalia, and his failure to account for the money contributed to the Widow's Benevolent Fund. Charlotte has also utilized in its attacks against [redacted] his notorious failure to furnish any information concerning the number of members in the Fund, all of whom are required to pay an assessment upon the death of a member. Upon the death of a member the beneficiary is paid $999.95.

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These attacks and the publication of the turmoil in the Klan concerning [redacted] failure to account for monies have drawn this to the attention of State authorities with such frequency that it has now resulted in the State Insurance Department making an inquiry into this Klan insurance program.

On 6/6/67, [redacted] advised that his agency had advised [redacted] that the Klan insurance program would be looked into by the State of North Carolina.

Since that time [redacted] and Klan [redacted] have appeared before the Insurance Commission on several occasions and it appears that the Insurance Commission has now been successful in forcing [redacted] to turn over books and records concerning the Widow's Benevolent Fund.

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This development will be utilized by Charlotte in further Counterintelligence action to ferment the dissension already existing within the Klan by pointing out that [redacted] act of turning over the above books and records will reveal the identities of Klansmen throughout the State. Charlotte is following this inquiry by the State and will seize upon every opportunity to further Klan disruption.

PROGRAM CONCERNING BELMONT RIFLE AND PISTOL CLUB
BELMONT, N. C., KLAVERN, UKA

By separate communication the Bureau has been advised of Charlotte's success in this program which evolved from information indicating that members of the Belmont, N. C., Klavern of UKA were trying to form a chapter of the National Rifle Association. This information was furnished to the Bureau by LHM and was subsequently called to the attention of the Army and the National Rifle Association, and in accordance with Bureau instructions a letter was forwarded to the President of the National Rifle Association pointing out this situation.

This action resulted in the National Rifle Association withdrawing its support from this group and resulted in its refusing to grant a charter for a chapter of the National Rifle Association to the Belmont Klavern.

PROGRAM TO PUBLICIZE KLAN ACTS OF VIOLENCE

Charlotte has previously advised the Bureau concerning friendly Press contacts who have afforded considerable press coverage to Klan acts of violence and provided the public with numerous articles concerning dissension in the Klan and concerning the activities of [redacted]

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In this connection, [redacted] a member of the Charlotte Klavern of UKA, had expressed concern because he had been involved in a cross burning.

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Upon receipt of this information, SA [redacted] instituted appropriate inquiry by this office and subsequent investigation by this office and local authorities resulted in admissions [redacted] concerning two cross burnings in Charlotte, N. C., on 12/30/66. Upon interview these individuals named five others who were involved.

In April, 1967, [redacted] were tried in local Charlotte court and found guilty and sentenced to serve a term of one year. On 6/30/67, the other five individuals named by them during interview were tried and found guilty by jury following which they were sentenced to serve a term of 18 months each.

These seven convictions in State court resulted directly from the information furnished by these two informants and subsequent investigation by SA [redacted] As a result of this activity considerable press activity and reporting was developed which worked to the great detriment of the Klan in the Charlotte area, as well as the Klan's reputation throughout the State.

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CONTINUING PROGRAM TO FURTHER DISRUPTION

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from all Klansmen in the Eastern Provinces of North Carolina looking to the removal of [redacted] of North Carolina. [redacted] are geared to have a sufficient force and impact to cause considerable discussion, dissension and perhaps the removal of [redacted] at a State meeting scheduled for August, 1967. Charlotte is issuing [redacted] in furtherance of this program, and the Bureau will be kept fully advised concerning these matters.

Charlotte will, as in the past, secure Bureau authority prior to taking any new Counterintelligence action.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-826) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
NORTH CAROLINA)

Re Bureau airtel to Charlotte, Atlanta, and Birmingham, 6/20/67.

b7c [redacted] Headquarters Staff, [redacted] Atlanta, advised this date that the Postal Inspector's Office has been requested by an attorney in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to conduct investigation concerning mailing of KKK letters.

In view of publicity connected with this matter, the Postal Inspector in Atlanta referred the request to the Chief Postal Inspector at Washington, D.C. No investigation will be conducted without approval of the Chief Postal Inspector, and the matter is currently pending at the Washington headquarters.

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TO : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

DATE: 7/11/67

FROM : B. C. Rachner

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UKA, INC., NORTH CAROLINA)

Liaison was requested to check with Post Office to determine what action, if any, Post Office planned to take regarding allegations of mail fraud made on 6/14/67 by Robert Shelton, Imperial Wizard, United Klans of America, against certain individuals and the "National Intelligence Committee."

On 7/6/67, [redacted] Fraud and Mailability Division, Office of the Chief Postal Inspector, advised Liaison Agent that the Post Office, by letter 6/27/67, had referred Shelton's allegations to [redacted] Criminal Division, Department of Justice, for an opinion as to whether investigation of Shelton's allegations was warranted. According to [redacted] the Post Office letter pointed out to the Department that since Shelton's allegations appear to involve an internal struggle for control of Ku Klux Klan activities in North Carolina and since the evidence of mail fraud was somewhat tenuous in nature, the Post Office did not contemplate any investigation.

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[redacted] said that he would advise the Bureau of the Department's response to the Post Office promptly upon receipt.

ACTION:

Refer to the Internal Security Section.

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1 - Liaison
1 - B. C. Rachner

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SAC, Charlotte (157-281) 7/24/67

1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

Director, FBI (157-9-8)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
NORTH CAROLINA)

ReBuairtels 6/20,29/67 and ATairtel 6/27/67.

The following is furnished for your information relative to the status of the mail fraud complaint made by Imperial Wizard Shelton and others to the Bureau and postal authorities in which they demanded an investigation under the mail fraud statute. By letter 6/27/67, the Office of the Chief Postal Inspector, Washington, D. C., referred Shelton's allegations to the Chief, Fraud Section, Criminal Division, U. S. Department of Justice, for an opinion as to whether investigation of Shelton's allegations was warranted.

The letter from the Chief Postal Inspector pointed out to the Department that since Shelton's allegations appear to involve an internal struggle for control of Ku Klux Klan activities in North Carolina and since the evidence of mail fraud was somewhat tenuous in nature, the Post Office did not contemplate any investigation.

Promptly upon receipt from the Office of the Chief Postal Inspector of the Justice Department's opinion in this matter, you will be advised.

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If the Department advises that no further action will be taken relative to Shelton's mail fraud complaint, we propose to authorize additional counterintelligence measures as set out in referenced Bureau airtel 6/20/67.

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NOTE:

This relates to the "intelligence report" purportedly prepared by the super-secret National Intelligence Committee (NIC) of the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), which we successfully prepared and mailed to numerous Klan

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Letter to Charlotte
Re: Counterintelligence Program
157-9-8

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leaders. This "intelligence report" suspended Imperial Wizard Shelton and [redacted] of North Carolina and resulted in widespread discontent, dissension, and confusion throughout the UKA. Shelton and others were so confused after the first NIC letter was received that they appeared at our Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Resident Agency, and the Tuscaloosa Postal Inspector's Office and presented a memorandum captioned "Memorandum For The FBI And Postal Authorities, Subject - Possible Use Of Mails To Defraud." They were advised by our Resident Agents that the memorandum did not contain information which would indicate any violation over which the FBI has jurisdiction. The Postal Inspector advised Shelton he would refer the matter to his Atlanta office. The Atlanta Postal Inspector's Office in turn referred the matter to the Chief Postal Inspector at Washington, D. C. The matter has since been referred to the Department. We have additional counterintelligence plans to put into effect if the Department's opinion, when received, is favorable for our purposes. This letter is to apprise the field of the current status of this matter.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KLAN TAX MATTERS)

[redacted] advised early morning of 7/28/67 that JAMES (CATFISH) COLE and PAUL LECLAIR had been killed in an automobile wreck about 10:30 p.m. the previous night. The [redacted] stated COLE and LECLAIR and [redacted] had been out to LECLAIR's cabin near Kinnerville Lake. Informant said apparently LECLAIR was driving when he ran off the road, the automobile overturned and COLE and LECLAIR were killed. [redacted] is in Cone Hospital, Greensboro, N.C., seriously injured.

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Informant said COLE is to be buried in Kinston, N.C., and LECLAIR is to be buried in Pa. Informant has identified LECLAIR and [redacted] as Klan members of Greensboro, N.C. Unit No. 64.

This being brought to the Bureau's attention since COLE was [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-41)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KLAN TAX MATTERS)

Re Richmond airtel to the Bureau 7/24/67.

On 8/3/67, [redacted] Raleigh, North Carolina, Acting Supervisor, advised that he had determined from the N. C. Department of Revenue, Income Tax Division, Raleigh, N. C., that as of that date the necessary paper work had not been set up which would enable a determination to be made as to whether or not [redacted] had in fact filed a 1966 North Carolina State Income Tax Return. [redacted] stated that he had been advised that if recontact was made in September, 1967, a determination could be made at that time which would determine whether or not [redacted] had filed a 1966 N. C. State Income Tax Return.

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[redacted] stated that he had learned that [redacted] on 10/12/66, had filed an income tax return to the State of N.C., for the year 1965. [redacted] stated that he would

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recontact appropriate persons at the N. C. State Department of Revenue in September, 1967, in order that a determination be made as to the status of [redacted] 1966 N. C. State Income Tax Return.

[redacted] voluntarily stated that he was going to determine if [redacted] had filed a Federal Income Tax Return for the year 1966, and thereafter, if possible obtain a copy of [redacted] 1966 Return and would scrutinize this return to determine if an investigation of [redacted] was logical.

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AT RALEIGH, N.C.

Will recontact [redacted] and determine whether or not [redacted] has filed a 1966 N. C. State Income Tax Return and to obtain [redacted] comments pertaining to [redacted] 1966 Federal Income Tax Return.

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., N.C.)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

RE: WIDOW'S BENEVOLENT FUND

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 1/5/67;
Charlotte letter to Bureau, 7/7/67.

Referenced Charlotte airtel advised [redacted] was as of that time endeavoring to ascertain whether or not there was a violation of the N. C. State Insurance Laws in connection with the operation of the Widow's Benevolent Fund Program. Referenced Charlotte letter of 7/7/67, Counterintelligence Program quarterly progress letter, pointed out that Charlotte was continuing its attacks against [redacted] due to his failure to maintain adequate records in connection with the operation of the Widow's Benevolent Fund. This communication also advised that [redacted] advised on 6/6/67, that the N. C. Insurance Commission was proceeding to look into the Klan's insurance program.

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[redacted] subsequently advised on 6/30/67, as follows:

The N. C. Elks, a fraternal organization, attempted to introduce legislation in the N. C. State Legislature, raising

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the amount of money paid to a beneficiary from $500 to $1500 and requiring that a group qualifying as an insurance company would have to abide by the rules governing an insurance company. Under the present setup, if a group pays a beneficiary $500 or more, this group is required to abide by the rules as set forth by the insurance commission. As this legislation was being discussed, one of the legislators brought up the matter concerning the Widow's Benevolent Fund of the Klan and it thereafter became a "hot potato." Probably because of the Klan's Widow's Benevolent Fund, the Elks' efforts to increase the limit from $500 to $1500 has been defeated.

Subsequently, [redacted] ordered to appear before the N. C. State Insurance Commission on 6/9/67, at 10:00 a.m. [redacted] asked for a continuance of three weeks. The continuance was denied but hearing was delayed from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m., that date.

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On 6/9/67, the Insurance Commission gave [redacted] and [redacted] a series of questions to be answered and they agreed to return them within 48 hours, answered. They were to be there on 6/12/67, but did not appear. On 6/13/67, [redacted] stated they would be there on 6/15/67. They failed to appear. On 6/19/67, [redacted] said that 6/20/67 would be suitable but they failed to appear. On 6/22/67, [redacted] advised they were ready and would be there 6/23/67.

On 6/23/67, [redacted] agreed to let the Insurance Commission count the number of membership cards, see the bank accounts and to check the books. They stated they would refuse to let the Insurance Commission look at the front of the membership cards. They did not have the cards with them.

On 6/27/67 [redacted] brought all the records of the Widow's Benevolent Fund to the Insurance Commission except the

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membership cards. The checkbook indicates the amounts paid out and to whom. It further lists the present bank account record and all deposits made to this account. The ledger reflects the payments made to the Widow's Benevolent Fund by each unit, but does not list persons making the payments, only the total amount paid by each unit to this fund. The records did reflect that there were 1,300 to 1,400 members.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] had stated that no salaries, postage or other expenses had been paid out of the monies received through the Widow's Benevolent Fund.

[redacted] readily admitted that the payments of over $500 to a beneficiary required them to abide by the rules of the Insurance Commission, but stated that this was an innocent error and they had been advised by someone that the limit was $1,000, not $500. They have indicated they would reduce the amounts paid to the beneficiaries. The question at the present time is whether or not the UKA, Inc., qualifies as a fraternal society or organization. This legal research is presently in the hands of the Attorney General of the State of North Carolina, for a decision. [redacted] advised that they can require [redacted] to produce the membership cards but it is not known if this will be done. [redacted] advised that this commission cannot satisfactorily examine the records of the Widow's Benevolent Fund without these cards and this information.

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE RECOMMENDATION
CONCERNING ABOVE

In connection with possible counterintelligence activity relating to the Widow's Benevolent Fund, Charlotte requests Bureau approval of the following counterintelligence activity which will be utilized to further the dissension in the Klan in North Carolina, with the ultimate aim being the possible ouster of [redacted]

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Charlotte feels it would be advantageous to prepare a letter over [redacted] signature directed to all units in North Carolina, pointing out that under North Carolina Law the Klan will henceforth be able to pay only $500 to the beneficiary of a member of the Widow's Benevolent Fund. As the Bureau is aware, prior to the investigation by the Insurance Commission, the beneficiary was paid $995.95 and upon the death of a member, each member was assessed $1.

Logically, it would seem that if the benefit is to be reduced by one-half, the amount of the assessment should also be reduced by one-half; therefore, since the Insurance Commission's rules limit the amount to $500, it would seem the assessment should be reduced to $.50.

[redacted] has in his periodic letters to the members of all units, set forth the fact that the State of North Carolina is forcing him to reduce the benefit to a maximum of $500, but he has not as yet made any move or indication that he is reducing the amount of the assessment from $1.

Charlotte believes that a letter typical of those put out by [redacted] in the past should be sent to all Klansmen in the State to the effect that the assessment will not be reduced and in fact may be increased due to possible increases in the cost of handling records which may have to be kept to comply with the State law. It is felt that such a letter properly prepared would sow further discord by having the members believe that even though they would refeive only half of their original benefit, the assessment will not be reduced and in fact may be increased.

If the Bureau approves such counterintelligence measure, Charlotte will prepare such a letter over [redacted] signature and mail it to all units in the State of North Carolina. As the Bureau is aware, Charlotte has secured complete mailing list for all units in North Carolina.

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REQUEST OF THE BUREAU

In connection with Charlotte's counterintelligence involving the National Intelligence Committee (NIC), the Bureau advised Charlotte in Bureau airtel of 6/20/67, that the Bureau had no objections to [redacted] utilizing typed or stamped signature of [redacted] letters prepared by Charlotte.

To assure the success of the above recommended counterintelligence operation, Charlotte requests the Bureau, if the above operation is approved, to request the FBI Lab to prepare a rubber stamp bearing the impression of the signature of [redacted] which is the name used by [redacted] in signing his letters which are directed to all units in North Carolina.

For the assistance of the Laboratory in preparing such rubber stamp, Charlotte is enclosing copies of letters previously forwarded by [redacted] to all units under date of 4/7 and 7/5/67. These letters bear the signature of [redacted] and it is felt that a rubber stamp facsimile would assure success to the above program.

The Bureau is further requested to have the FBI Laboratory ascertain, if possible, the make and model of the typewriter used by [redacted] to prepare his letters, and also the character of type utilized. If the Laboratory can identify it sufficiently, Charlotte will attempt to secure such typewriter for preparation of these letters.

If the Bureau approves such operation, the Laboratory should also be requested to identify as closely as possible the type of paper upon which the enclosed letters are prepared to enable Charlotte to obtain such paper so that the letter prepared will, in all respects, be as near identical to the letters sent by [redacted] as is possible.

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Charlotte will by separate communication make an additional recommendation for counterintelligence activity using letters of this type over [redacted] signature in connection with present Defense Fund Drive of [redacted] to secure money to defend the twelve Klansmen recently arrested in South Rowan County, N. C.

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[redacted]

April 7, 1967

Esteemed Klansmen & Klansladies:

First let me say Thank-you for the vote of confidence I received from you. With the fine people who make up U.K.A., it will go far in our struggle against Communism and preserving our freedoms.

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The third province is holding a meeting April 13, 1967 for all Klanspeople and their invited guest. PLACE--Farmers Warehouse No. 1 on Highway #117, north of Goldsboro, beside the Hobbs Stock yard. TIME-- Thursday night April 13, 1967 at 8:00 P.M. Mr. Shelton will be at this meeting and the three Rallies that week-end, April 14, Elizabeth City, April 15, Chocowenity, April 16, Boxchel. Lets all turn out for these Rallies in clean, pressed robes or uniforms and show Mr. Shelton that we are behind him 100%.

Any Unit that would like to have a sign in your town, we have a Klansman who will paint it for you. If you will erect the sign and put two coats of white paint on, he will come and letter it, and put the Klansman on a horse all for $20. If you would like to see a picture of his sign, write to him and I am sure he will send you one. [redacted] Route 2, Lillington, N. C. The sign is beautiful and one, any town would be proud to have.

Two members in Widows Benevolent Fund, have passed away since the last letter. Mr. Lonnie B. Smith from Unit #9, Durham, N. C. and Mr. C. C. Davis from Unit #26 in Currie, N. C. These men will be greatly missed in their Unit by all Klanspeople. Let me remind all Klanspeople, you must be in good standing in your Unit, and your Unit must be in good standing with the State and National Officers for your widows Benevolent to pay off. Send your money in at once on these deaths, as you know five in a row is a terrific drain on the account.

Looking forward to seeing you soon, I remain

Yours for God & Country

[redacted]

P.S. There will not be a trail for the three defendents as stated in the last letter. Mr. Shelton has banished them, therefore there is no need for a trial.

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July 5, 1967

Esteemed Klanspeople:

Your Province Meetings will be Sunday, July 9th and it es emperative that you hav representatives from each mens Unit to these meetings.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the Klanspeople in the Congressional District for the help and co-operation we have received during the first half of Rally season. As you know we start back down thur the Congressional District the 21st of this month. If you are going to have a Rally in your District, please get your leaser in so we can get your posters out. If you want a Rally and you didn't receive one, your Titan will see that you get one during the week. If we have to, we can Rally every night till the first snow. Titan will be available for all Units at the State Meeting.

The State Office will be closed for about a week as we are taking the books to Alabama for year-end audit. If you have any trouble get in touch with your Titan as I will stay in contact with them.

Attention all Klansladies: We are going to have a State Meeting for you this year. Your Unit must be in good standing in this office thru June or you will not be allowed to attend this meeting. You must have a paid-up card to get in the door. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS. You will receive a letter letting you know how many representatives from each unit will be allowed.

We have had two Klansmen to pass away since the last letter. Both men were members in good standing in the W.B.F. The 24th was Eddie Medlin from Brenn, N. C., Unit #107. The 25th was Jesse Milliken from Ramseur, N. C. Unit #121. Both will be greatly missed by all. Also a great Klansman passed away from Mt. Airy, Unit #176. This man was not a member of W.B.F., alot of you will remember him, he made many Rallies all over the State and was well thought of by all. He was J. T. Jessup. On June 25th, we held a Rally for his Unit, beside his home. He had worked and planned for this Rally for some months. It was a great success. On the 29th of June he came in off a run on a motor line and had a heart attact and passed away. He leaves a wife and six children. Our thoughts and prayers are with these families in their hour of sorrow.

Syble and I would like to thank the Klanspeople for the heartiful gifts and sincere good wishes we received at the house warming. Anyone who could not come that day is welcome at anytime. As we have told you many times our door is always open to the fine Klanspeople and the Coffee Pot is always on.

Rally dates we have received thus far are as follows for July:

July 16	Forest City on Rock Coner Road.
July 22	Bostic, N. C.; turn at Forest City Sausage Plant, off old Highway #74 on County Road 1006.
July 21	Newton, N. C. 5 miles east of Newton on Highway #16. Turn right at Tendrg's Grill, 2 miles on right.
July 27	Cherryville, N. C. 7 miles north of Lincolnton on Startown Road. Turn right 1/2 mile to Maiden Road.
July 28	Gastonia, N. C.
July 29	Shelby, N. C.
July 30	Troutman, N. C; 2 miles south of Troutman off U.S. Highway #21 on Amit Hill Road.

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Looking forward to seeing you in the near future, I remain

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1 - Mr. F. C. Woodcock
1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

To: SAC, Charlotte (157-281)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-8) — 122

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
NORTH CAROLINA)

ReCHairtel 8/9/67.

The Bureau has seriously considered your counterintelligence proposal in regard to preparing a rubber stamp of the signature of [redacted] to be utilized in your proposed letter to Klansmen in your territory relative to increasing the assessment for the Widow's Benevolent Fund.

The FBI Laboratory has examined the copies of letters previously forwarded by [redacted] to Klansmen, which you enclosed with referenced airtel. The signatures on the letters are not rubber stamped, but appear to have been made with a stylus on a mimeographed stencil. If this is the method normally used by [redacted] in preparing his letters to Klansmen, a rubber stamped signature would not give an authentic appearance. Your request is, therefore, denied, although your interest in submitting this counterintelligence proposal is appreciated.

It appears that with the coming of the National Klonvocation at Birmingham, Alabama, on September 2 and 3, 1967, a letter from the National Intelligence Committee (NIC) pointing out the various wrongs in the present Klan set up would be appropriate.

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Airtel to Charlotte
Counterintelligence Program
157-9-8

You are instructed to prepare a new NIC letter to be sent to delegates to the Klonvocation for their use in continuing the dissension already in existence in the Klan.

NOTE:

Under North Carolina law, the Klan will henceforth be able to pay only $500 to the beneficiary of a member of the Widow's Benevolent Fund instead of $999.95 as the Klan has previously been paying. In the past, upon the death of a Klan member, each member was assessed $1. Charlotte has advised that North Carolina [redacted] has in his periodic letters to klansmen, set forth the fact that the State of North Carolina is forcing him to reduce the benefit to a maximum of $500, but he has not as yet made any move to reduce the amount of the assessment from $1. Charlotte has proposed that a letter typical of those put out by [redacted] in the past should be sent to all klansmen to the effect that the assessment will not be reduced and, in fact, may be increased due to possible increases in the cost of handling records which may have to be kept to comply with the state law. In order to prepare such a letter, Charlotte requested that a rubber stamp of the signature of [redacted] be made, and forwarded copies of letters previously sent out by [redacted] to aid the Laboratory in making such a stamp. Laboratory examination revealed that the signature was not made with a stamp but was made with a stylus on a mimeographed stencil. Inasmuch as a rubber stamped signature would not appear authentic, we are not approving this request.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., N. C.)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

[redacted] with approximately 75 people present. The group was anxious to sever all connections with UKA and set up an entirely new organization and elect officers. [redacted] with UKA although they have had no active affiliation with it in several months.

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[redacted] pointed out the state meeting of UKA was being held on 8/5/67, and there was a chance that [redacted] might be ousted. He prevailed upon the group to maintain the status quo until after this state meeting.

The group agreed to do this, and a committee was formed, [redacted] The committee was set up to make recommendations as to what the group loyal to [redacted] planned to do. Another Province meeting was set for 8/26/67.

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JAMES COLE, one of the members of the committee appointed, was killed in an automobile accident, and [redacted] was selected to be on the committee as COLE's replacement, [redacted] appear to be more or less stalemated at the present time, and it is felt this is the only course that can be taken that will enable [redacted] rather than having three or four small units scattered in the area.

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Bureau will be kept advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., N.C.)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

RE: UKA'S LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 8/9/67, captioned as above, bearing subtitle "WIDOW'S BENEVOLENT FUND".

Referenced Charlotte airtel set out a proposed counterintelligence operation in connection with the Widow's Benevolent Fund utilizing letters to be prepared and distributed to all Units in North Carolina, with such letters being sent under the signature of North Carolina [redacted]

In referenced communication Charlotte advised it would by separate communication make recommendation concerning counterintelligence proposal using letters under [redacted] signature in connection with the Klan's Legal Defense Fund.

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As the Bureau has previously been advised, [redacted] has indicated that assessments of $20 for each member would probably have to be made in order to build a Legal Defense Fund to pay attorney fees for the 12 Klansmen arrested in Rowan County, N. C., on 7/18/67, in connection with case entitled [redacted]; ET AL; RACIAL VIOLENCE SOUTH ROWAN KLAVERN, UKA, INC., KKKK, BOMBING MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS; CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964; RACIAL MATTERS-KLAN; CONSPIRACY", Bufile 173-4481, Charlotte file [redacted] 157-9-8-124

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In connection with the Klan's Legal Defense Fund, Charlotte would propose for the Bureau's consideration that a letter be prepared under [redacted] signature worded in such a manner that it would appear to be a demand stating that each member be assessed a certain amount of money in order to defray the legal expenses involved in the defense of these 12 Klansmen. Depending upon the circumstances at the time the letter is prepared the amount should appear to be exorbitant.

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Following this request for an exorbitant amount the letter would set out that those members who failed to comply with the request would be cut off from any possible future assistance of a legal nature from the Klan organization. Such a letter could be worded in such a manner to leave inferences which would be wholly distasteful to the average Klansman.

It is felt that such a letter making such a demand and worded in an irritating manner would have a considerable disruptive effect on the Klan membership in general and at the same time place [redacted] in an untenable defensive position.

This operation could then be evaluated and subsequent letters on various subjects could from time to time be prepared to the further consternation of [redacted] and the Klan leadership in general.

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1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
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(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
NORTH CAROLINA)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Reairtel dated 8/15/67.

Consideration has been given to the proposal that a letter be prepared over [redacted] signature assessing a certain amount of money to klansmen in order to defray the legal expenses involved in the defense of the 12 klansmen.

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It is not clear as to how the above letter would cause additional dissension among klansmen. It appears that [redacted] is going to make a demand of the Klan to defray the expenses for the 12 klansmen who are being prosecuted; therefore, an additional fictitious letter would not serve any purpose. In addition, the fictitious letter demanding contributions for the 12 klansmen possibly may cause more money to be donated for their expenses.

It is believed that the Bureau should take no action in this matter at this time; however, if additional information is developed which would make your proposal more favorable, resubmit it at that time.

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NOTE: 157-9-8-124

Charlotte recommended that the Bureau circulate a fictitious letter demanding money from klansmen to defray the expenses involved in the defense of 12 klansmen who were arrested. Charlotte suggested that the request be made for an exorbitant amount of money from each klansmen and this would have a considerable disruptive effect on the Klan members in general. For the reasons stated above, it is not believed this plan is favorable at this time.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., NORTH CAROLINA)

Re Charlotte airtel to the Bureau 8/17/67.

[redacted] that the State meeting [redacted], on 8/20/67, with 70 or 75 klansmen present. This was an organizational meeting and the majority of the time was spent with election of officers. The group did not decide on a name for their new organization [redacted]

Most of the time was spent with the election of the following officers:

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[redacted] for 60 days and stated that the next meeting of the Province was to be held the second Sunday in October, 1967, at Shoney's Restaurant, Durham, N. C.

[redacted] Greensboro, N.C., and invited to make a statement for the News on the afternoon of 8/21/67.

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[redacted] since it was obvious after the state meeting of UKA on 8/6/67 that [redacted] and ROBERT SHELTON were continuing their unlawful command of UKA [redacted]

[redacted]

Bureau will be kept advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., NORTH CAROLINA)

ReBuAirtel to Charlotte dated 8/21/67.

It appears it would be extremely unlikely that a new NIC letter can be approved and distributed in time to reach the delegates to the National Klonvocation at Tuscaloosa, Ala., 9/2-3/67.

Charlotte does not yet have the names of such delegates from all N. C. Units and it is known that some units have not yet selected delegates; they will do so during the current week. It will not be possible to send such a letter directly to the delegates themselves, even if Charlotte should learn of their identities, because this is information that would not logically be available on such short notice to the officials of NIC.

The mailing list available to Charlotte, to which past NIC letters have been sent, comprises leaders of local units, and in some cases just the Post Office Box of the units. For such a letter to come to the attention of the members, including the delegates, it must be mailed in time for the Secretary or other official to receive the letter, and bring it up at the next meeting of the Klavern. Most such meetings are held in the early part of the week, and anything received in their local mail later than August 28 will most probably not come to their attention before the delegates leave on September 1 for the Tuscaloosa National Klonvocation.

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[redacted] particularly in reaching some of the smaller communities in Eastern North Carolina.

Reference is made to Charlotte airtel of 8/21/67, advising [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Bishop

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: August 24, 1967

FROM : C. D. Brennan

1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
NORTH CAROLINA)

PURPOSE:

[redacted]

BACKGROUND:

We have been conducting a hard-hitting aggressive counterintelligence program against the UKA in the State of North Carolina. This particular group was chosen as the focal point of our attack because North Carolina has the largest concentration of klansmen in the United States. It is believed that if a death-dealing blow can be dealt to the UKA in North Carolina, the entire Klan organization in the United States will collapse.

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[redacted] North Carolina, as well as Robert Shelton, the Imperial Wizard of the UKA. This power struggle has created tremendous dissension within Klan ranks. [redacted]

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FBI

Date: 9/12/67

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SA [redacted], CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
RM (KLAN)

As the Bureau has been previously advised, on [redacted] organized that date. By way of background, on [redacted] were banished from UKA. Immediately thereafter, several Klaverns of UKA pledged support [redacted] and returned their charters to UKA. [redacted] during the intervening period, has resisted efforts on the part of the dissident members and Klaverns to form a separate organization. [redacted], however, those former UKA members who rejoined [redacted] were adamant in their intentions to form another organization, and in order to put the [redacted]

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At the present time, there are four men's Klaverns and two women's auxiliaries in CKKK, all former units of UKA. The total estimated membership of these six units is 250. [redacted]

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[redacted] and that recruiting should be limited to present membership of UKA rather than efforts being made to recruit new Klan members. Several former UKA members who had dropped out previously have become reactivated in CKKKK; however, [redacted]

[redacted] attacks on [redacted] individually and on UKA policies. It is believed that CKKKK can be used as an effective counterintelligence measure against UKA. It is the intention of this office to do so.

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The Bureau will be kept advised of developments with regard to the new Klan group and to the counterintelligence potential.

In addition to the above, the following counterintelligence measure is being considered:

As the Bureau has been advised previously, [redacted] these meetings were held prior to the National Klonvocation, which was held on 9/2-3/67 at Tuscaloosa, Ala. [redacted] became aware of these meetings, their purpose and the names of those who were present. The purpose of the meetings was to discuss ways and means of removing [redacted] and bringing about changes in the administration of UKA in North Carolina.

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To date, [redacted] However, they have produced discontent among the leaders of UKA in North Carolina and have formed the basis for future action.

As a result of personal indiscretion, [redacted] has been removed from his state office. [redacted] was one of those in attendance at this series of meetings by dissident members. [redacted] will take every opportunity to remove from office or banish the others who were in attendance at these meetings. These meetings have been [redacted]

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[redacted] proposal has merit as a counterintelligence measure. The Bureau will be advised of results of the 9/17/67 meeting and of future plans.

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1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh

To: SAC, Charlotte (157-281)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-8) -129

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
INTERNAL SECURITY
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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The Bureau has [redacted] Now are [redacted]

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Be certain to keep the Bureau currently advised in regard to the counterintelligence efforts [redacted]

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NOTE: [redacted] in North Carolina. [redacted] a new Klan organization organized on that date. [redacted] We want to insure that Charlotte understands we [redacted]

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Charlotte also advised that [redacted]

counterintelligence offensive against the Klan in North Carolina and, in particular, against [redacted] the UKA in North Carolina. We have no objection to an [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

DATE: 10/4/67

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAMS
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., N.C.)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

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RE: QUARTERLY PROGRESS LETTER

Re Charlotte letter to Bureau, 7/7/67.

The Bureau has previously been advised concerning various programs recommended by the Charlotte Division under the Counterintelligence Program by separate communications submitted since the last Quarterly Progress Letter of 7/7/67.

The following is a current analysis of the Counterintelligence Program in the Charlotte Division:

[redacted]

Comments concerning the Charlotte Division's continuing program to oust N. C. [redacted] have been furnished the Bureau by separate communications; however, since submission of the last quarterly letter numerous reports from Charlotte informants have indicated that the National Intelligence Committee letter which was prepared and sent by the Charlotte Division continues to have a disruptive effect on the Klan in North Carolina.

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[redacted] particularly, continues to be dissatisfied with [redacted] as Grand Dragon being concerned over his leadership ability and the bad publicity which he continues to receive which, coupled with the letter from the National Intelligence Committee, has seriously hurt the Klan throughout the State of North Carolina.

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This informant has indicated that comments of members of this Unit have been to the effect that continued publicity of this type will play a large part in breaking up the Klan and increasing the problems for the Klan attendance wise and recruiting wise.

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This has had an appreciable effect since the last quarterly progress letter since numerous informants have indicated that numerous Klaverns have become disenchanted with this continual demand for money.

In this regard [redacted] in which representatives of this Province decided that they would not send any money to [redacted] to support the establishment of a Defense Fund for 12 Klansmen arrested by the FBI in Rowan County, N. C. Representatives of this Province also decided that they would not support the suggestion of the National Office of UKA and purchase film and projector for the purpose of showing recommended films. This group outspokenly stated that all the State and National offices were after was money, and it was decided from the date of that meeting, 8/21/67, that no further money would be forwarded to the State or National office from any of the Units in Province #5.

It is felt that continued emphasis in regard to the financial situation within the Klan, if successful, will ultimately have extremely good disruptive value and lead further to the disenchantment of [redacted] by more Units.

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Charlotte will continue to take every opportunity to disrupt the Klan leadership in North Carolina and further the dissension presently existing among numerous Units relating to [redacted] operations.

PROGRAM REGARDING POSSIBLE USE OF ORGANIZATIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Referenced Charlotte letter pointed out the possible use of such publications as Masonic Bulletins or American Legion publications which could be utilized to publicize the Klan as an organization of ill repute in such a manner as to occasion a decrease in recruitment of individuals who may be associated with the Masonic Order or with the American Legion.

During this reporting period other facets of the Counterintelligence Program have continued to provide disruption of the Klan, and it was not felt necessary to make recommendations with regard to the above publications during this time.

PROGRAM IN REGARD TO WIDOW'S BENEVOLENT FUND

In this connection, Charlotte has continued in its attacks against [redacted] through public newspaper articles and through informants which have stressed his failure to account for money which he has received through the collections at rallies, through the sale of Klan books, records and other items and, particularly, for his failure to account for money contributed to the Widow's Benevolent Fund.

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Following a recent hearing before the North Carolina Insurance Commission [redacted] was ordered to reduce the payments of the Widow's Benevolent Fund to $500 and to abide further by various other rules of the Insurance Commission.

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PROGRAM CONCERNING LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

In this area, following the arrest of the 12 Klansmen in Rowan County, N. C., on 7/18/67, [redacted] and ROBERT M. SHELTON, Imperial Wizard of UKA, have both made statements to the effect that it is of utmost importance that these Klansmen be defended and acquitted since a conviction would amount to a conviction "of the Klan" and would "open the door for further conspiracy prosecutions in the South".

[redacted] has indicated that it will take in excess of $14,000 to defend these Klansmen and has asked for a contribution of $20 from each member of the Klan.

[redacted]

It is felt that additional counterintelligence moves are available here in that it can be pointed out that [redacted] has failed to provide adequately for the defense of five Klansmen who were tried in Charlotte Superior Court and

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following conviction were sentenced to serve 18 months each. These Klansmen were represented by [redacted] of Raleigh, N. C., and expressed their desire to appeal their conviction to the Appellate Court. The fee for effecting the appeal was never raised or provided by [redacted] to the Attorney who because of this failed to perfect the appeal and as a result, the Klansmen were ordered to begin serving their sentences when appeal date expired.

Charlotte will by separate communications make recommendations in furtherance of this disruptive tactic.

SPLINTER GROUPS

By communication dated 8/21/67, Charlotte advised the Bureau concerning the formation of a new Klan group under the [redacted] This organization held its formative meetings in the Greensboro - Stokesdale, N. C., area and will attempt through its pronouncements to point out on a continuing basis the ineffectual leadership of [redacted] and his mishandling of Klan money. It is felt that this organization can be used as an effective counterintelligence measure against the UKA in its attacks on [redacted] and the UKA organization in general.

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Also, in this connection there is the possibility [redacted] which will also be used to siphon off membership from the UKA. This program is in its experimental stages and Charlotte will make appropriate recommendations concerning the formation of such a group by separate communication. The possibility of this splinter group was set out in Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 9/12/67.

LETTERS DIRECTED TO NORTH CAROLINA
KLAN OFFICIALS AND KLAN UNITS

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b7c [redacted] Charlotte will remain alert for additional counterintelligence possibilities in this regard and as they appear suitable recommendations will be made.

PROGRAM TO PUBLICIZE KLAN ACTS OF VIOLENCE

Charlotte has previously advised the Bureau concerning friendly Press contacts who have afforded considerable Press coverage to Klan acts of violence and provided the public with articles concerning unsavory activities of Grand Dragon [redacted] One such article during this period concerned the conviction and subsequent loss of appeal opportunity by the five Klansmen who were convicted of cross burnings in the Charlotte area and who were ordered to commence serving their active sentences after their Attorney failed to file an appeal within the prescribed time because he had not paid his fee in its entirety.

Charlotte will continue to take advantage of such opportunities to publicize the Klan in general and [redacted] in an unfavorable light which will continually lead to his downgrading as a leader and to the UKA as a beneficial organization.

Charlotte will, as in the past, secure Bureau authority prior to taking any new counterintelligence action.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS (UKA)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Since the Spring of 1966, the Charlotte Office has directed efforts toward the removal of [redacted], Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) in N. C. The Bureau is well aware of the counterintelligence measures taken in this regard.

Although [redacted] still retains his position, the results of these efforts have been more productive in disrupting UKA in N. C. than the immediate removal of [redacted] would have been.

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Some of the present difficulties in which [redacted] finds himself resulted from his own dereliction and some have been caused through the counterintelligence program directed against him. Probably the three most important undertakings which have brought [redacted] to his current predicament are (1) Counterintelligence program involving the Widow's Benevolent Fund, the Klan insurance program administered by [redacted] (2) The split between [redacted] and (3) The arrest of the twelve Klansmen in Rowan and Cabarrus Counties on 7/18/67.

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Briefly, the program directed against [redacted] through the Widow's Benevolent Fund has resulted in the N. C. State

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Insurance Commission conducting a thorough review of [redacted] records and forcing him to reduce payments to beneficiaries to $500 rather than the $1,000 previously paid. Through informants and [redacted] the question has been raised in the minds of UKA members as to [redacted] handling of funds and his failure to pay beneficiaries on two occasions. As a result of his failure to pay a beneficiary in Franklin County, the units of UKA within the county have pulled out of UKA and are operating as independent units.

The [redacted] created considerable dissension throughout the state with some members agreeing with [redacted] while others supported [redacted] Although [redacted] was unable to take a large number of members out of UKA, he did [redacted] UKA and causing dissension among the Klan members and the two organizations. Perhaps the most important part of the [redacted] affair was the fact that it [redacted]

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The arrest of the twelve Klansmen on 7/18/67 did not in itself create any particular controversy within UKA, but the after effects which are still continuing have been of paramount importance in further discrediting [redacted] has solicited $20 from each member for a defense fund for the arrested men and his demands for this money has caused many units and members to openly criticize him, the administration of the State Office and the National Office.

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Current criticism of [redacted] includes but is not confined to the following:

Dishonesty in handling and accounting for Klan funds

Lack of organization, programs, leadership and guidance

Failure to personally contact units

Failure to provide information concerning Klan business and material and literature

Failure to personally and financially support Klansmen in Charlotte arrested for cross burnings

His having a new home, furnishings, and car

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Loose morals, including excessive drinking, obscene language in public, and immoral conduct with women other than his wife

Detailed information concerning opposition to [redacted] is set forth in the report of SA [redacted] dated 10/27/67 at Charlotte regarding UKA on pages 79 through 84. Also in the same report under activities of individual klaverns, particularly those listed beginning on page 308, there is abundant information showing [redacted] was primarily responsible for the demise of many units. This report shows that in recent months in N. C., 29 men's units and 4 ladies' units have become completely defunct; 5 men's units are now totally inactive; and 7 men's units and 4 ladies' auxiliaries have disaffiliated with UKA. Since preparation of the report commenced, several additional UKA klaverns and ladies auxiliaries have become defunct and inactive.

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Many units are no longer sending dues to [redacted] or to the National Office. Collections at public rallies have decreased drastically during 1967 as compared with preceding years. In 1965, an average of 1880 people attended each rally held and an average of $229 was collected at each rally. In 1966, an average of 617 people attended each rally and $129 was collected. So far in 1967, an average of 307 people attended each rally and $71 has been collected on an average.

The rallies are not being supported by Klan members or the general public as they have been in the past.

At the National Klonvocation of UKA on 9/2-3/67 at Tuscaloosa, Ala., [redacted] failed to support [redacted], for renomination and threw his support to [redacted] a little known Klansman. This has created discontent among many of the older Klansmen in the State. Prior to the National Klonvocation and since, several State Officers, Titans, and Exalted Cyclopses, have met for the purpose of discussing means of replacing [redacted] as Grand Dragon. [redacted] No plans have been formulated by this group other than they intend to vote [redacted] out of office in 2/68.

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Conclusions

(1) For several months there has been an increasing amount of resentment and opposition to [redacted] due to his administration of Klan affairs.

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(2) As a result of this discontentment and mishandling of affairs b[redacted] many units have become defunct and inactive. Many other units are no longer sending [redacted] monthly dues. The general public is no longer contributing to the Klan through donations at public rallies.

(3) For some time, there have been no programs, objectives, or plans by UKA in N. C. as a state-wide organization. Each province and each unit is operating independently as to action contemplated and taken. The State Office serves only as an address to which monthly dues and other contributions are being sent.

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(4) Elections for State Officers in N. C., including the position of Grand Dragon, will be held in 2/68.

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[redacted], who is State Officer and who was selected by the dissident group to oppose [redacted] has recently obtained a job out-of-state which will eliminate his running.

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Information has been received that [redacted] has indicated an interest in becoming Grand Dragon of N. C. and has been attempting to determine what support he can expect if he opposes [redacted] in the election. Members in the eastern section of N. C. have indicated they would possibly support [redacted] in this move. [redacted] is a troublemaker. Prior to going to Va. as Grand Dragon, while he was a State Officer of UKA in N. C., [redacted] instigated racial trouble and was involved in racial violence. It is believed that [redacted] has the leadership, ability, and sufficient stature to rejuvenate UKA in N. C. if he opposes [redacted] as Grand Dragon and is successful. It is believed that those units which are inactive and individuals who are inactive because of poor leadership by [redacted] will again become active under [redacted]

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(5) [redacted] has a great deal of personal magnetism which he uses to "charm" Klansmen. It is quite possible that he will be [redacted] and in anticipation of this is attempting to get as much money sent to State Headquarters as possible. [redacted] has previously stated that when he leave office, the UKA in N. C. will be broke.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Charlotte Office reverse its present course of counterintelligence action to remove [redacted] It cannot be predicted with any degree of certainty that efforts to retain [redacted] in office will be successful; however, it appears that by retaining [redacted] UKA will continue its decline and it is anticipated that there will be an acceleration of its demise if [redacted] remains.

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If the Bureau approves of a course of action in an attempt to keep [redacted] in office, [redacted] tenacity, industriousness, et cetera while admitting that he is a thief and a man of loose morals. It can be pointed out to the membership that [redacted] has sacrificed time and effort when no one else was willing to do so and that funds mishandled by him was only compensation for his work.

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[redacted]

It is the considered opinion of Agents of the Charlotte Office knowledgeable in Klan affairs that the retention of [redacted] will have a more desirable result than the election of a new [redacted] who may give the state organization a "shot in the arm" which it now needs to continue as an effective Klan group.

The Bureau is requested to give consideration to the proposal to make efforts to keep [redacted] in the office of [redacted] and to advise this office at the earliest possible date in order that such a program, if approved, may be implimented.

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To: SAC, Charlotte (157-281)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-8) - 131

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Reairtel 11/6/67.

Referenced communication sets forth a good analysis of present conditions in the North Carolina Klan and the Bureau appreciates the efforts expended so far. However, the Bureau does not concur fully with the recommendations set forth. You are not to reverse the present course of counterintelligence action toward removing [redacted]

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As the Bureau pointed out when this program began in early 1966, [redacted] has been, without any doubt, the most effective leader and organizer in the United Klan establishment. It is imperative that we continue our efforts to remove him as [redacted] In this regard, the Bureau desires to make the following observations:

Retaining [redacted] in office will not necessarily hasten the demise of the North Carolina Klan. It is more important to the Bureau's operations that a person of the prominence a[redacted] be removed from his leadership position.

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New leadership in North Carolina will not necessarily give the state organization a "shot in the arm." To the contrary, change in leadership may well further the dissension and disunity which now exists in North Carolina. No doubt if [redacted] is ousted he will have some following which may well break away from the main body.

If Virginia [redacted] desires to run for the position of [redacted] it will not necessarily mean a revitalization of the North Carolina Klan. [redacted] has not been an effective leader in Virginia and probably will not be as effective as [redacted] has been. I[redacted] desires to run for the North Carolina post, it will serve two purposes. First, it will get him out of the State of Virginia, and secondly, it will obviously create an open fight in North Carolina.

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Another course of action which should be considered, and which is being submitted for your consideration, is to have Robert Shelton take control of the North Carolina Klan the way he has in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Florida. This leaves the state organization without a leadership in residence and Shelton's direct handling of the state organizations has not been at all effective.

Consideration should also be given to issuing a letter through the National Intelligence Committee at a time when it will affect February, 1968, elections in North Carolina. You should submit your proposals in this regard.

Excellent results have been achieved so far in capitalizing on and exploiting dissension in the North Carolina Klan. We can only expect success if we continue a hard-hitting imaginative program aimed at maximum results. Due consideration is to be given to the above instructions and you are to submit recommendations with regard to continuing this program and continuing to challenge [redacted] leadership in the North Carolina Klan.

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See cover memorandum dated November 14, 1967, captioned "Counterintelligence Program, United Klans of America, Charlotte Division," G. C. Moore to Mr. W. C. Sullivan, prepared by JLM:ebb.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Bureau airtel to Charlotte dated 11/15/67.

In accordance with instructions in referenced airtel, efforts will be continued by this office to bring about the removal of [redacted] of UKA in North Carolina.

In this connection, careful consideration has been given to this matter, and the following observations and recommendations are set forth:

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1. Trial of Twelve Klansmen

As the Bureau is aware, the twelve Klan members in Rowan and Cabarrus Counties, North Carolina, who were arrested on July 18, 1967, are scheduled to be tried in U. S. District Court, Middle District of North Carolina, Salisbury, N. C., beginning on January 8, 1968. This trial and its outcome could have a material effect on [redacted] tenure

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as [redacted] has already indicated that if the Klansmen are convicted, it will be necessary to raise additional funds for their appeal and if they are convicted, it is presumed that [redacted] will make an appeal for Defense Funds which will further alienate Klansmen. However, if the twelve Klansmen are found not guilty [redacted] will undoubtedly capitalize on this situation by claiming that it was through his efforts that they were acquited and will thereby gain some support.

2. National Intelligence Committee (NIC)

The NIC letters sent out by this office previously proved to be very effective from a counterintelligence standpoint and created the desired dissension and controversy within the Klan for which they were intended at the time they were publicized. However, it is believed that the use of the NIC letter at this time in connection with attempts to remove [redacted] as Grand Dragon could have an adverse effect. [redacted] The use of NIC letter at this time could be beneficial to [redacted] if UKA members were to believe that [redacted] Additional consideration will be given to the use of an NIC letter based on developments between now and February, 1968, when elections will be held.

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3. Informants

At the present time, the Charlotte Office [redacted] It is suggested that in connection with the attempt to remove [redacted] that agents handling these informants be instructed to have them

a. Criticize [redacted] and speak out for his removal [redacted] Such criticism is to take place at formal Klan functions and among members informally. Informants will be instructed to aim criticism at what appears to be [redacted] most vulnerable characteristics; namely, his misuse of funds, failure to provide leadership, and his moral misconduct. The informants will not be specifically advised what statements they should make in order to prevent one informant from ascertaining that another individual is also an informant.

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b. Attend the State Meeting scheduled to be held in February, 1968, and to vote [redacted] In the past at State Meetings of the UKA in North Carolina, there have been approximately two hundred and fifty to three hundred members present, most of whom are voting delegates. If as many as [redacted] attend and "block vote" against [redacted] this will represent a sizable fraction of the total and should produce sufficient votes to oust [redacted]

With regard to voting delegates at the State Meeting, it should be pointed out that

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[redacted] and there are a number of units which are not current in paying dues. Undoubtedly, [redacted] will make sure that delegates from those units which are not current in their dues will not be allowed to vote. [redacted] is aware that the units which are opposed to him have not been sending in their dues regularly and therefore will be able to control the number of opposition votes in this manner. For this reason, it appears it [redacted] This course of action is regretable inasmuch as this will place additional funds at [redacted] disposal; however, there appears to be no other way to handle the situation in order for many Klansmen opposed to [redacted] to vote.

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4. Publicity

Together, with the proper use of informants, it is believed that publicity is the best means of attacking [redacted] and bringing about his removal [redacted] Because of his actions [redacted] is vulnerable to criticism. The problem is how to acquaint rank and file members with facts about [redacted] which will be acceptable and believable to them.

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During the summer of 1967, [redacted]

Consideration has been given to sending anonymous letters to several hundred individual Klansmen throughout the State indicating the letter was prepared by a newly formed committee within the Klan seeking to improve the administration by removal of [redacted] However, this course of action is not believed advisable inasmuch as the Klansmen receiving the letter would question what organization or group would have the home addresses of so many members. Many of these Klan members have been interviewed by the FBI and it is believed that they would immediately suspect the FBI as the source of the letters. This also could produce an effect favorable to [redacted]

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The best method of attacking [redacted] appears to be through news media. [redacted] as well as [redacted] have all been cooperative in the past with regard to such matters. It is suggested that factual material be furnished all of these reporters, or one or more of them, at a propitious time in order that articles showing [redacted] in an unfavorable light may be prepared and given the widest circulation possible throughout the State of North Carolina.

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If the Bureau approves, material will be furnished the abovementioned individuals at intervals in order to insure that criticism of [redacted] is widely publicized during the period from the present until February when elections are scheduled to be held. Any suggestions or comments by the Bureau which will help insure removal of [redacted] will be appreciated.

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1 - Mr. G. C. Moore
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan
1 - Mr. J. L. Martin

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To: SAC, Charlotte (157-281) NEO 51

From: Director, FBI (157-9-8) — 132

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Bairtel 11/15/67 and urairtel 11/28/67.

The Bureau concurs with your recommendations and suggestions as set forth in your airtel 11/28/67, and you are to proceed in accordance with the program set forth.

With regard to furnishing friendly news contact with information concerning [redacted] be certain that the material is furnished on a timely basis so that it can have the greatest impact. Insure in every instance that full security is given to these measures so as to avoid any indication that the Bureau is providing this data.

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The Bureau expects that you will push this program enthusiastically so that maximum results can be obtained toward discrediting Ku Klux Klan leaders in North Carolina and effectively neutralizing the North Carolina Klan organization.

Keep the Bureau advised of all developments.

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NOTE:

G. C. Moore's memo to Mr. Sullivan 11/14/67 set forth details concerning our counterintelligence program aimed at disrupting the United Klans of America in North Carolina and discrediting its [redacted] It was pointed out that we have had success so far, and we recommend that the Charlotte Division vigorously pursue this program. The Charlotte Division

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Airtel to SAC, Charlotte
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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has replied stating that it intends to continue pushing for the removal of [redacted] and discrediting and neutralizing the North Carolina Klan. In order to accomplish this goal, the Charlotte Division set forth suggestions and recommendations concerning the use of its informants to criticize and speak out against the North Carolina [redacted] and to provide reliable news sources with timely information aimed at disrupting the Klan and discrediting its [redacted]

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[redacted] In addition, the Charlotte Division [redacted] any forthcoming meeting and particularly the next election for [redacted] to take place in February, 1968.

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FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Bureau airtel dated 12/7/67.

In accordance with authorization given in referenced airtel, on 12/11/67 SAs of the Charlotte Office contacted NED CLINE, Reporter for the "Salisbury Post", a daily newspaper published at Salisbury, N. C. CLINE was furnished information which is believed would be most damaging to J. [redacted] JONES, Grand Dragon, if published. CLINE advised that he would write articles concerning the Klan based on the information furnished together with information which he could obtain independently. He agreed to treat this information with confidence in order that the FBI would not be revealed as the source.

As a result of this contact, two articles prepared by CLINE concerning the Klan appeared in the 12/12/67 and 12/13/67 issues of the "Salisbury Post". Two copies of each article are being furnished the Bureau herewith.

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In both articles, CLINE makes reference to having contacted a member of the Klan. This individual is believed to be [redacted] who was [redacted] of the Salisbury Klavern, which is now defunct.

[redacted] articles upset J. R. JONES considerably, and he has been in contact with numerous Klansmen in the Salisbury area in an effort to determine who is furnishing information to CLINE.

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In order to obtain maximum results from these newspaper articles, efforts are being made to obtain 100 copies of each issue of the "Salisbury Post". These will be mailed to units throughout the states.

The Bureau will be kept advised of developments in connection with attempts [redacted]

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He's In Hot Water

Klan Opposition To Jones Mounts

By NED CLINE
Post Staff Writer

(First of two stories)

These feuding factions of the state Ku Klux Klan crawled from under their sheets today to throw some more verbal punches at their leader, Grand Dragon J. Robert Jones.

Sharp criticism from within the klan came on the heels of a Washington report from the House Un-American Activities Committee which credited Jones with being a top organizer.

He's an organizer all right, the critics claim, but most of his efforts are now going toward fattening his own hip pocket.

Jones's troubles with those in his own ranks are nothing new, but the informants from within had been relatively quiet in recent months until yesterday's report was released.

Reliable sources in the klan today disclosed their feelings toward Jones and his recent actions, especially in reference to finances.

Information reveals that all is far from well within the klan. Jones' opposition is continuing to grow and there is a chance he will be placed on the chopping block when he comes up for re-election in February.

Jones, a former awning salesman from Granite Quarry, gained control of the state KKK when it was faltering in late 1963 and built it to its present status.

But those who helped him the most during the beginning stages are now turning the other way.

IN HOT WATER

Jones is in hot water on several counts, mainly over the klan's legal defense fund and the klan's widows benevolent fund. His followers are calling a halt to their giving.

Units are dying. Some units are pulling out and joining other organizations. Jones' support in eastern North Carolina is at an alltime low. Attendance and reported income at open field rallies are off

Many klansmen, in short, have had it with Jones. Some have already let it be known they will oppose him for the top spot when the state election is held. That election will be held in February although the date and

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location have not been set.

The Post's Klan sources revealed today that the state organization a year ago had 130 klaverns in the state. Today there are only 97.

The number of klaverns has dropped by approximately 30 despite the fact that there have been new ones formed as branches of some existing units. The klavern loss would have been much greater had it not been for some of the branch units.

There have been three branch groups formed from the South Rowan Klavern which goes under the name of South Rowan Gun Club. Formed from that klavern have been units in Concord, Rockwell, and near Mt. Pleasant.

The Concord Klavern, known as the Cabarrus Gun Club, meets on Cabarrus Avenue, Concord, and is headed by Colan Billings. The Rockwell unit, headed by Tommy Hoffner, meets at Hoffner's Auction House on Highway 152. The Mt. Pleasant Klavern, headed by Clarence (Buddy) Allman, meets on the Clyde Flowe property near St. John's Lutheran Church. All these groups have members who were formerly in the South Rowan klavern.

Salisbury Klavern No. 1, which formerly met on Fred Wilson's property off Old Concord Road, no longer exists as a klan unit. The group still meets under the name of Rowan Sportsman's Club but does not meet at the klavern hall and does not support Jones.

TO FORGET JONES

A member of that unit informed The Post that the unit carries out its projects without the advice or support of Jones and is causing as it can vote against Jones at election time.

The state klan four months ago had a 1[illegible] paying members. The number has dropped to 3,[illegible] as of [illegible]

Average total weekly attendance at klavern meetings a year ago was 2,700. By last July the average had dropped to 1,900 and has now fallen to 1,500.

Average pasture rally attendance in 1965 was 1,800 with a reported income (through the bucket passing process) of $225. Bu last year the average had dropped to 600 with a reported income of $129 and this year the figure was down to 300 with a reported average income of $71. These figures were furnished by klansmen who attended rallies.

Many of Jones' former klaverns have pulled out to join other klan splinter groups.

The Rev. George Dorsett, once one of Jones' most ardent supporters, was banished from the United Klans when he objected to Jones' financial dealings. He has formed his own group, known as the Confederate Knights of the KKK. Four of Jones' klaverns (some 250 members) have joined the Dorsett group.

Another offshoot klan group known as the Invisible Knights of the KKK has been formed in Shelby. This is headed by W. W. Lynch and C. Lewis Fowler who came to this state from Florida. This group has already taken three of Jones' former klaverns and two more have threatened to pull out.

Fowler is the 91-year-old man who recently called Jones an imposter who did not represent KKK views. Jones referred to Fowler as the "91 year-old-beatnik."

Five klan units from Franklin County have pulled away from Jones and formed the Franklin County Improvement Association. They now function completely separate from the KKK.

The Oxford klavern has also thrown Jones aside and has joined a right-wing organization out of Philadelphia.

Klan sources also revealed that Jones has no paying unit from No. 1 Province in eastern North Carolina and very few from No. 5 Province in the Greensboro area. These two areas had approximately 20 klaverns at one time.

FINANCIAL DRAIN

The dissenters object to the constant drain on individual klansmen's pocketbooks by state headquarters.

Most of Jones' problems began, according to informed klan sources, with the widows' benevolent fund. This is a fund set up to provide a type of life insurance for widows of klansmen who died.

The fund, whose name has now been changed to the United Klan Memorial Fund, was started on Feb. 1, 1963.

In order to obtain a capital base for the widows' fund, members were assessed $5 apiece. Jones said recently that 1,[illegible] persons joined. This gave a $14,[illegible] base for the fund.

Upon the death of a klansman, other klansmen were each assessed $1 each. With the present membership of 1,200 members this brought in $1,200 with each death.

There have been 32 klan deaths since the fund was started and this would have provided $[illegible] (32 times 1,200) for the widows' payments with only $[illegible] paid out.

The $5 capital base fees plus the $1 assessments should have put a total of $52,400 in the fund treasury. Jones says there is now only $3,800 in the treasury and there are still three widows due death payments.

Klansmen are disturbed about these records. They claim they can't get answers from Jones as to where the money went.

The klan's legal defense fund has also brought some objections from klansmen. Jones used this fund to pay attorney fees when klansmen were called before the House Un-American Activities Committee two years ago and is also attempting to raise money for the defense of the klansmen presently awaiting trial for conspiracy.

The dissenters say Jones is asking for too much money. He issued a call for $[illegible] a member for the defense fund.

There are many other sources of income for the state treasury which is handled by Jones. These sources are raising the eyebrows of some of the ruled members.

In addition to the defense and widows' fund, Jones controls income from the regular dues, "klectokon" (new member initiation fees), sale of robes, rally revenue, sale of records, jewelry, Rebel plates, and klan rule pamphlets.

Despite these various sources of revenue, Jones recently announced at a meeting that the state association owes $[illegible] personally and there is not enough money in the treasury to cover that debt.

Where is all the money? That's what the klansmen are asking.

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As Grand Dragon Of State Klan

Dissident Members Predict Jones' Ouster

By NED CLINE
Post Staff Writer

(Second of two stories)

Will Bob Jones be replaced as the grand dragon next February?

"Yes," says an active Salisbury klansman who at one time worked hard for Jones' election.

"The chances that he'll be replaced are 99 to 1," the klansman said.

And although these percentages are unusually high, there are many members of the robed order who feel the same way. There are dozens of klaverns across the state who are opposed to Jones and have vowed that he'll be replaced.

The main objection to Jones is his handling of KKK funds.

If his opposition is successful in removing him from office, however, it will be more than has been possible in the past. All previous efforts to unseat him have failed.

The local klansman, who agreed to discuss the organization provided his name not be used, was more vocal than the grand dragon's opponents have been in the past.

"Jones won't be re-elected," he said. "I'm disgusted with him. The white people (meaning klansmen) are disgusted with him. But with him in office nothing can be done (to improve the klan)."

Jones is up for re-election in February. He has held the top klan position in the state since mid-1963 when he gained control of a then-dormant KKK body.

He has built the state klan into one of the top hooded organizations in the nation, as was indicated by a federal government report this week.

But his crown is slipping.

The local klansman called Jones "money crazy." The informant said he is still interested in the klan and still supports the organization, but does not support Jones "nor anything he does."

"Every time the jailhouse door key turns he wants another $20," the klansman said. This was in obvious reference to Jones' legal defense fund, a special klan kitty set up to help defend klansmen in trouble.

Jones over the last 18 months had asked for $20 a month per klavern for the defense fund. He has recently asked for $20 per member.

"He's also dollaring us to death," the source said. "Every time you turn around he wants another dollar. I've spent every penny I can for him."

The klansman said he didn't regret a single dime which he has given for the klan cause, but that he's through giving to Jones. "And about 90 per cent of the klansmen in the state feel the same way I do," he added.

Jones has attempted to raise between $12,000 and $14,000 for the defense of the 11 Rowan and Cabarrus residents — all present or past klansmen — who are awaiting federal trial on conspiracy.

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The klan source said he feels the money could be raised in short order if it were going straight to the defendants, not to Jones. Jones has been collecting the donations.

The klansman said he has done some traveling over the state to talk with his robed brothers and he has found that opposition to Jones is growing. It was after these talks, he said, that he became convinced the grand dragon will be replaced.

There are three potential candidates to oppose Jones, but the source said he could not reveal their identities.

The traveling done by the local klansman is more than Jones has been doing, in the eyes of some of his other critics. The grand dragon recently installed a "watch line" phone system so he can contact the various areas of the state by phone without paying for each call, and without driving over the state.

His opponents said he is doing this so he won't have to travel the state. Some klaverns, they maintain, have not been visited by the dragon in many months.

Jones continuously discounted his critics by saying his books are always open to any klansman. The local klansman said this is a farce.

"They're open," he said, "but it would take you $150 for hiring an accountant to figure out what's in 'em. No one but Jones and his wife can understand them. He says they're always open because he knows no one will ever ask to look at them.

There was an attempt made last year to move the state headquarters from Jones' home in Raleigh. The vote, according to the klansman, at the state meeting was 91 to 86 against the move.

When the attempt to move the records failed some klaverns began dropping their support of Jones.

This may also present an interesting situation when Jones' election comes up. He maintains if a klavern does not pay up it has no vote and if this holds up he can use this method to disqualify the votes of many klaverns who plan to vote against him.

The local klansman said Jones has no power to reject any votes if a klavern has paid within the past three months. It is still not known just what action will take place at the February meeting.

Other klansmen across the state feel they are being shortchanged on several accounts by the klan office. They complain they now have no program and literature is not issued as it once was.

The klan's official sources of income, multiple in the past, have multiplied even more in recent months.

Jones has started what he calls the "500 Club" for both klansmen and non-members. An individual may join this club by sending $100 contributions to Jones. Membership reportedly guarantees klan support if there is ever a need. Total membership in this club is not known, except by Jones.

The grand dragon has also drawn some opposition from other parts of the state for his picking of Cabarrus County resident Tom Morris as imperial klexter (outer guard) of the national klan. Most klansmen did not know Morris and objected to his selection.

Morris, who resides on Highway 49 in a rustic home near Cook's Dulcimer Shop, is also presently head of the Stanly County klan [illegible] that post after Bridges was arrested on a federal conspiracy warrant.

The Salisbury klansman who announced his opposition to Jones said he will continue to work for the klan. But he will also continue to work against Jones as grand dragon.

If he gets enough support, Jones will be replaced in February. "I'm not trying to dictate what klansmen should do," he said. "Because we've got one dictator already."

But he wants Jones out.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8) DATE: 1/5/68

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(KLAN TAX MATTERS)

Re Charlotte airtel to the Bureau dated 8/4/67.

On 12/20/67, [redacted] Raleigh, N. C., advised that [redacted] did file [redacted] which contained the following information: [redacted] said that if a copy of this return were needed, he would request an official copy from the proper N. C. authorities, which he had not done.

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Address:

Social Security Number: [redacted]
Wife's name:
Dependents:

Total income [redacted]
(determined as follows)

Total receipts for year [redacted]
Business expenses
Total depreciation [redacted]
Repairs on bus. property [redacted]
Salaries-wages [redacted]
Insurance
Interest on business indebtedness [redacted]

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(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN IN N. C.)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte letter dated 10/4/67.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS LETTER

Set forth below is current information regarding the counterintelligence program being directed toward UKA in the Charlotte Division:

PROGRAM TO OUST N. C. [redacted]

By airtel dated 11/6/67, the Charlotte Division summarized information indicating that throughout the State, there is considerable dissatisfaction with [redacted] UKA in North Carolina. It was recommended to the Bureau that we discontinue efforts to oust [redacted] and make every effort to see that he is [redacted] February, 1968.

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By airtel dated 11/15/67, the Bureau disagreed with this recommendation and instructed Charlotte to continue efforts to remove [redacted] The Charlotte Office was instructed to furnish the Bureau its recommendations with regard to ousting [redacted] the elections in February, 1968.

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The proposals of the Charlotte Office were submitted to the Bureau by airtel dated 11/28/67, and the Bureau concurred with these recommendations by airtel dated 12/7/67. In accordance with the recommendations made and approved, on 12/11/67, Agents of the Charlotte Office contacted [redacted] "Salisbury Post", a daily newspaper published at Salisbury, N. C. CLINE was furnished information which is believed to be the most damaging to [redacted] if published. As a result of this contact,

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two (2) articles [redacted] appeared in the 12/12/67, and the 12/13/67, issues of the "Salisbury Post". Copies of these articles were furnished the Bureau by airtel dated 12/19/67. In that airtel, the Bureau was advised that in order to obtain maximum results from these newspaper articles, efforts were being made to obtain 100 copies of each issue to be mailed to units throughout the state. Only 50 copies of each issue were available. These have been obtained and are being mailed on or about 1/3/68, to 50 units throughout the state. These units were selected on the basis of information indicating those which are not totally opposed to [redacted] nor totally committed to him, but those which it is felt would be most influenced away from [redacted] by receiving the articles.

It is anticipated that the wide dissemination of these articles will further hurt [redacted] chances of retaining the position of Grand Dragon.

In addition to the above, on 12/27/67, a memorandum was sent to all Agents of the Charlotte Division informing the Agents handling klan informants to instruct their informants to speak out against [redacted] and to urge members to vote for [redacted] removal from office. All informants were to be instructed to personally attend the state meeting in February, 1968, and to vote against [redacted]

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The problem as it now appears is that there is no candidate running against [redacted] Efforts are being made to have selected informants initiate action to select a candidate to oppose [redacted] at the state elections in February.

WIDOWS BENEVOLENT FUND

As the Bureau is aware, through efforts of the Charlotte Office, the North Carolina State Insurance Commission has been looking into the insurance program being administered by [redacted] As a result of inquiry conducted by the Insurance Commission, at a state board meeting of UKA on 10/29/67, at Granite Quarry, N. C., it was decided that the Widows Benevolent Fund would no longer exist. At that time, there was reportedly $3,800 in the treasury of that fund and there were three (3) widows to be paid $1,000 each. To date, no information has been received indicating that any payments have been made.

Information furnished [redacted] concerning apparent discrepancies in the fund was included in the articles mentioned above. The lack of accounting for monies collected for the fund has been the topic of considerable discussion in many klaverns throughout the state.

Although the Widows Benevolent Fund is no longer in existence, the Charlotte Office will continue to utilize every advantage to capitalize on [redacted] loose accounting of money in the future.

LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

By airtel dated 12/15/67, the Bureau was advised that in an effort to raise money for the defense of the eleven (11) klansmen arrested in Rowan and Cabarrus Counties, [redacted] with the approval of ROBERT SHELTON, was engaged in a lottery.

By airtel dated 12/21/67, the Bureau instructed Charlotte to conduct an investigation under the Interstate Transportation of Lottery Tickets Statute. This investigation is receiving priority attention.

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[redacted] of the Ku Klux Klan (CKKKK) [redacted] is continuing to operate and members formerly connected with UKA are being recruited into this new organization. As of [redacted] had split off from UKA and had become a unit in the Invisible Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (IKKKK) but has now indicated a desire to affiliate with the CKKKK.

Aside from the obvious benefit of having [redacted] Since submission of referenced letter, two (2) such communications have been sent out to various UKA Klaverns in North Carolina. One letter was dated 10/16/67, and the second was dated 12/19/67. A copy of these two letters is attached as an enclosure with this letter.

The [redacted]

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DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN IN N.C.)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte letter 1/3/68.

The North Carolina State Meeting of UKA was held [redacted]

nominees for this position were [redacted]

[redacted] the following were elected or re-elected to the following positions which were open:

Grand Klaliff [redacted]

Grand Klokard [redacted]

Grand Kludd [redacted]

Grand Klarogo [redacted]

Grand Klexter [redacted]

Grand Night Hawk [redacted]

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Additional details regarding the meeting and election and reactions of members will be obtained from other informants within the next several days. Means will be sought to exploit any dissension resulting therefrom.

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INTERNAL SECURITY -
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte letter dated 1/3/68.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS LETTER

Set forth below is current information regarding the counterintelligence program being directed toward UKA in the Charlotte Division:

ATTEMPTED REMOVAL OF [redacted]

As the Bureau was advised in referenced letter, copies of the 12/12/67 and 12/13/67 issues of the "Salisbury Post", a daily newspaper published in Salisbury, N. C., were obtained. These issues contained newspaper articles by NED CLINE unfavorable to [redacted] and UKA. The articles were the result of information furnished [redacted] Charlotte Office. On 1/3/68 the 50 issues of these two newspapers were mailed from Charlotte, N. C., to 50 units of UKA with the hope that the contents of the articles would influence members of these units in voting against [redacted] at the state meeting 2/4/68.

The Bureau was advised by airtel dated 2/6/68 that [redacted] of UKA in North Carolina at the state meeting 2/4/68. The fact that he was re-elected does not indicate that he had the support of all of the members or even a majority of the members since information clearly indicated that the membership generally was

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opposed to [redacted], however, the only two individuals who ran against [redacted] N. C.; and [redacted] Neither [redacted] had any support and were very weak opponents.

Although [redacted] has been elected for a three year period efforts are continuing to discredit him with the hope that his removal can be forced if enough opposition is developed.

TRIAL OF KLANSMEN AT SALISBURY, N. C., 1/68

Although all of the defendants in the trial of the Klansmen at Salisbury, N. C., were acquitted, with the exception of [redacted] the arrest and subsequent trial of these individuals has had a very beneficial effect. Since the trial no information has been received indicating that the Klan has been responsible for any acts of violence or any illegal activity throughout the State.

An indication of the feeling of Klan members was received on 2/6/68 when [redacted] At that time [redacted] advised that since the trial there have been no indications that anyone is interested in any acts of violence. He said that the defendants in the case were very much relieved by the verdict and he believes they learned a lesson regarding involvement in any type of violence.

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WIDOWS BENEVOLENT FUND

This Klan insurance fund no longer exists. The Charlotte Office furnished information to the North Carolina Insurance Commission which in turn thoroughly looked into the insurance program being administered by [redacted] and this resulted in [redacted] cancelling the program. Even though it no longer exists it is believed that some counterintelligence measures may be taken.

[redacted] Subsequently they claimed he died and [redacted] paid $1,000, which these two officers obtained.

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It was also thought that possibly [redacted] received a kickback from these two officers. Information concerning this incident was discussed at a meeting attended by 40 individuals and is known only in the area near Wilmington, N. C. It is proposed that this information be furnished to a cooperative newspaperman, such as [redacted] who could prepare an article showing the dishonesty which exists in the Klan. U/CB, the Charlotte Office will furnish such information to [redacted]

SPLINTER GROUPS

Since submission of referenced letter, through [redacted]

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On 2/9/68, following the state elections in UKA, a letter was sent out to all UKA units over the [redacted] This letter, a copy of which is attached, urged members of UKA to join CKKKK.

Since that time the Roanoke Rapids, Nashville, Whiteville and Wadesboro Units have disaffiliated with UKA and have joined CKKKK. The Ansonville Klavern is considering taking this action in the near future.

[redacted]

GENERAL

As of 2/4/66 there were 150 units of UKA in North Carolina with an average membership of 64, for a total projected membership of 9,600. At the present time there are only 82 men's units in UKA with an average of 30 members per klavern, with a projected gross membership of 3,188. In two years time the membership has decreased by two-thirds.

More importantly, at the present time there are only an estimated 2,263 paid up members, and only 1,123 members attend meetings of the men's units on a weekly basis.

During the past two years the attendance at public rallies has dropped off considerably. The money collected at public rallies is only a fraction of the amount being

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collected in years past. The public no longer accepts the Klan and new members are not joining at anywhere near the rate as previously. The Klan is declining in North Carolina. It is realized there are still a large number of Klan units and members and there is no decrease in the efforts being made to further reduce the membership and effectiveness of the Klan. This office is continuing to take advantage of every opportunity to hurt the Klan and discredit its leaders. These efforts will continue.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-~~41~~)

DATE: 4/11/68

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.)

Re Bureau letter to Birmingham 3/28/68.

In accordance with instructions in referenced letter, there are set forth below the names of ten Klan members in North Carolina, to whom the Bureau-approved communication should be sent. These names were selected on the basis of their residence locations, their indicated discontent with [redacted] and UKA and on the basis of the positions they hold. These individuals are spread out throughout the state, they are officials in the Klan and are in a position to widely disseminate the contents of the communication.

The Bureau, Atlanta and Birmingham will be advised of any productive results achieved.

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NAME	ADDRESS
[redacted]	[redacted]

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NAME	ADDRESS
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1 Mr. J. A. Marion

SAC, Charlotte (157-281) April 29, 1968

Director, FBI (157-9-8)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

The 4/15/68 issue of the Washington Evening Star daily newspaper of general circulation disclosed information indicating that Lester V. Chalmers, Jr., well-known Klan attorney was shot and wounded at his home in the evening of 4/13/68. The newspaper article indicated that this was most probably an attempted suicide.

The attempted suicide by Chalmers could possibly be of counterintelligence value. In your continuing program of counterintelligence, consider the utilization of this attempt.

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NOTE:

Lester Chalmers is widely known as Defense Counsel for Klan leaders, although not a Klan member. In an effort to bring disruption to the Klan, we are suggesting to Charlotte that they consider the attempted suicide.

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~~Lawyer~~ for Klan Is Shot at Home

RALEIGH, N.C. (UPI)—Lester V. Chalmers Jr., a former Wake County solicitor and attorney for the Ku Klux Klan, was shot and wounded at his home late Saturday night.

Police said Chalmers, who appeared before the House Un-American Activities Committee in behalf of two Klan officers in 1965, was shot in the head with a .22-caliber rifle. They said Chalmer's wife reported hearing a shot and finding him wounded in a bedroom.

The rifle was found near the bed, police said.

Chalmers was taken to a Raleigh hospital where doctors listed his condition as serious.

Chalmers was solicitor from 1954 to 1962.

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The Washington Daily News
The Evening Star (Washington)
The Sunday Star (Washington)
Daily News (New York)
Sunday News (New York)
New York Post
The New York Times
The Sun (Baltimore)
The Worker
The New Leader
The Wall Street Journal
The National Observer
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FBI

Date: 5/14/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUP
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KKKK (UKA)

Re Miami airtel, 4/18/68, captioned "Black Power Literature Found in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., 4/3/68, RACIAL MATTERS," and Bureau letter, 5/7/68, captioned as above.

Upon receipt of referenced Miami airtel, Charlotte [redacted] leaflets in possession of [redacted] of UKA in North Carolina, and for information concerning [redacted] allegedly furnishing these leaflets to the Klan in Florida. [redacted]

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advised that they have no information indicating that [redacted] has had any such leaflets in his possession recently or that he has furnished such leaflets to Klansmen anywhere. [redacted] advised that about a year or two ago, [redacted] had some "Black Power" leaflets, and that some of these leaflets were distributed in the Kannapolis, N. C., area.

In this connection, the Bureau is referred to the report of SA [redacted] dated 1/27/67 at Charlotte, N. C., captioned "UKA, Inc., KKKK, Aka. (North Carolina), RM-KLAN," in which on Pages 260 and 261 information was set forth showing that on or about 11/7/66 [redacted] Upon recontact on [redacted] advised he has no information concerning such leaflets being distributed in Florida and does not know who printed these leaflets.

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The report referred to above also contains information showing that on 10/29/66 unknown persons distributed copies of the leaflet "Black Power is Here;" in the Kannapolis area. The leaflets distributed at that time are identical with the leaflets being distributed at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

A review of Charlotte files fails to reveal any public source information showing possession or distribution of such leaflets by the Klan.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 12, 1968

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Rowse
1 - Mr. Bishop
1 - Mr. Sullivan

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: [redacted] ETAL;
RACIAL VIOLENCE, SOUTH ROWAN KLAVERN
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
BOMBING MATTERS; CIVIL RIGHTS;
PUBLIC EDUCATION - CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN); CONSPIRACY

This is to advise that [redacted] "The Charlotte Observer," a daily Charlotte, North Carolina, newspaper, has contacted defendant [redacted] attorney in Charlotte, North Carolina, and requested to interview defendant [redacted] and his wife the last week of June, 1968, in preparation for a feature article concerning the United Klans of America and captioned case. [redacted] is working in collaboration with [redacted] for the Charlotte Observer, in preparation for this article or articles. Our Charlotte Office has advised that [redacted] has been extremely cooperative in the past in writing feature articles concerning the United Klans of America which have been favorable to the FBI.

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This is the case involving widespread racial violence in Rowan and Cabarrus Counties, North Carolina. Bureau Agents arrested twelve Klansmen on Federal Civil Rights charges on 7/18/67. Trial commenced 1/8/68 in United States District Court, Salisbury, North Carolina. One defendant died during the trial, the court acquitted another defendant, one defendant [redacted] entered guilty plea, and on 1/19/68 the jury acquitted eight defendants. The jury was unable to reach a verdict concerning the twelfth defendant and the Department has dismissed the indictment concerning him. On 5/21/68, United States District Judge placed defendant [redacted] on three years probation as a result of his previous plea of guilty. All prosecutive action has been completed.

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Rosen to DeLoach memorandum
RE: [redacted] ETAL;

Defendant [redacted] gave the FBI a full confession and was the [redacted] for security reasons, in July, 1967. It is noted [redacted] through his attorney has agreed to be interviewed by a newspaper reporter in deference to his safety. We have no control over [redacted] have discharged our obligation to him. It is further noted that his testimony in United States District Court is now a matter of public record. Based on available information, Bureau files are negative on [redacted]

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ACTION:

Our investigation has been completed. [redacted] Our Charlotte Office will follow this matter closely and keep the Bureau advised under the appropriate Counterintelligence caption, and will be handled by the Domestic Intelligence Division.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8) DATE: 6/26/68

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY -
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte letter to Bureau dated 4/1/68.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS LETTER

Set forth below is current information regarding the counterintelligence program being directed toward UKA in the Charlotte Division:

GENERAL INFORMATION

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By letter dated 6/22/68, the Birmingham Office advised [redacted]

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In referenced letter, it was pointed out that as of 2/4/66, there were 150 units of UKA in North Carolina, and as of 4/1/68, there were only 82 men's units remaining.

At the present time, UKA in North Carolina has only 69 men's units, a decrease of 13 units in the past three months. These 69 units have a total gross membership of 2,611 and a total paid-up membership of 1,813. An average of 1,011 members attend weekly meetings. This is compared with the total gross membership of 9,600 two years ago.

Recently, [redacted] indicated that each rally held by UKA costs the klan $70 and that collections at these rallies were not covering even the expense of holding the rally. In 1965, the klan averaged collecting $229 per rally. In 1966, the average amount collected at each rally was $129 per rally. In 1967, this amount had declined to approximately $70 per rally and at the present time an even smaller amount is being collected at each rally. In addition, rallies are not being held as frequently as in previous years.

ADVERSE PUBLICITY

In May, 1968, following the conclusion of the trial of the 12 klansmen arrested in July, 1967, in Rowan and Cabarrus Counties, N. C., [redacted] for the "Salisbury Post", a daily newspaper published at Salisbury, N. C., indicated a

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desire to prepare an article concerning what had happened to the klan and to the defendants since their arrest and trial. [redacted] has been very cooperative in the past in preparing unfavorable articles concerning the klan. He was furnished information regarding the defendants and the South Rowan Klavern, which information was included in an article [redacted] which appeared in the 5/26/68, issue of the "Salisbury Post". A copy of this article has been furnished the Bureau previously.

In addition, [redacted] at the conspiracy trial in Salisbury, N. C., advised that [redacted] for the "Charlotte Observer", a daily Charlotte, North Carolina, newspaper, had requested an interview with [redacted] and his wife for the purpose of preparing an article concerning UKA. [redacted] who agreed to an interview. This interview was scheduled to take place the last week of June, 1968. [redacted] is working in collaboration [redacted] another reporter for the "Charlotte Observer", who has been extremely cooperative in the past in writing articles unfavorable to the klan. It is anticipated that the article or series of articles will be beneficial in further contributing to the downhill trend of UKA.

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CONCLUSIONS

~~Some of~~ the information furnished by various sources as set forth above and from general information received from informants throughout the state, there can be no doubt that UKA is in dire financial straits and the membership is declining rapidly. [redacted] has indicated that JONES and the national office of UKA are at odds. Newspapers are constantly critical of the klan, [redacted] is harassed and is no longer receiving sufficient funds to operate the klan as in the past and there is no reason to believe that this trend will not continue. Every opportunity will be taken to contribute to the decline of the UKA.

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Date: 7/2/68

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte airtel 6/7/68 captioned [redacted] ETAL; RACIAL VIOLENCE, SOUTH ROWAN KLAVERN, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, EM; CR; PE - CRA, 1964, RM (KLAN); CONSPIRACY"; Bulet 6/25/68 captioned as above and Charlotte letter 6/26/68 captioned as above.

Referenced communications deal with intentions of reporters of "Charlotte Observer" daily newspaper published at Charlotte, N.C., to interview [redacted] and prepare an article concerning United Klans of America, Inc., in N. C.

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In this regard on 6/27/68 [redacted] for the "Charlotte Observer" personally [redacted] contacted the Charlotte Office. [redacted] advised that he planned to [redacted] during the week of 7/1-5/68 for the purpose of interviewing [redacted]. Both advised that they intend to write a comprehensive article or series of articles concerning the Klan including information from [redacted] and also dealing with the other facets of the Klan. The article or articles will point to the fact that the Klan in N. C. is declining rapidly and they desire to show the Klan in the most unfavorable light possible. In this regard they requested information which would

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show a comparison of the Klan in previous years with the Klan today. They desired information regarding the financial aspects of the Widow's Benevolent Fund which is no longer in operation, information concerning general finances, information concerning collections at public rallies, and also attendance at public rallies in previous years as compared with the present time. They also indicated they intend to include information concerning Klansmen who have been convicted for various offenses in N.C. and in general will include any data which would show the Klan in its most unfavorable light.

They also stated they would like to include information concerning informants not naming any informants or giving any identifying data which might compromise the informants but only information which would show that many of the people who furnish information concerning the Klan are doing so for patriotic reasons often requiring longer hours and sacrifices on their part and many of them are receiving no payment or little payment for their services.

[redacted] has been very cooperative in the past and has prepared articles unfavorable to the Klan. It is believed that an article such as planned by these reporters would be most beneficial and would be a very desirable counterintelligence measure. The Bureau has previously authorized the Charlotte Office to furnish information concerning the Klan [redacted]. UACB Charlotte will furnish these reporters general information concerning the Klan. They advised they will recontact the Charlotte Office for any information we may be able to furnish during the week of 7/8-12/68.

The Bureau will be kept advised concerning this matter.

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Special Agent in Charge

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Airtel

1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
1 - Mr. Deegan
1 - Mr. Marion

To: SAC, Charlotte (157-221)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-8)

RE: HUMINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISSEMINATION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA), INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Reference Charlotte airtel 7/2/6[illegible].

You are authorized to furnish public source information to [redacted] for the "Charlotte Observer." The information furnished must be of a general nature. Security must be maintained and the Bureau not disclosed as the source. Keep the Bureau advised of the results of this endeavor.

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NOTE:

Charlotte has requested authority to furnish [redacted] a friendly trustworthy and cooperative newspaper reporter in Charlotte, North Carolina, with general information concerning the decline of the UKA in North Carolina, convictions of Klansmen within this state and other general information concerning the Klan which will put them in an unfavorable light. We have previously authorized the dissemination of information to [redacted] who has prepared excellent articles unfavorable to the Klan, [redacted] and his partner [redacted] are in the process of preparing an extensive series of articles showing the decline of the Klan, past violence by the Klan and other unfavorable data. They also intend to generally point out that many people who furnish information on the Klan do so for patriotic reasons and under severe

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hardships. The counterintelligence benefits of these articles will be extensive to the Bureau. The reporters have done considerable background investigation in this matter and have even [redacted] to interview a [redacted] on violence. Bufiles contain no derogatory information concerning [redacted]

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FBI

Date: 7/12/68

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Via AIRTEL _____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INCORPORATED,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 7/2/68, and Bureau airtel to Charlotte dated 7/10/68.

On 7/12/68 [redacted] for the "Charlotte Observer," was furnished public source information and information of a general nature concerning Klan activities in North Carolina. He was instructed that the Bureau, under no circumstances, is to be disclosed as the source of any information received by him.

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[redacted] had considerable information and material in his possession regarding the Klan and from statements made by him, it appeared that he had, along with [redacted] done considerable research and had conducted interviews in an effort to obtain data for the articles which they planned to write. He has contacted other newspaper men in North Carolina and out of state, has reviewed HCUA testimony, and displayed considerable knowledge of the Klan generally.

He advised that the articles would be completed during the week of 7/15-19/68; however, at this time, he did not know whether the articles would appear in one issue or several issues of the paper.

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The Bureau will be kept advised of the results of this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8) DATE: 7/26/68

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UKA, INC., KKKK
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte airtel, 7/12/68.

There are being furnished the Bureau herewith the original and one copy each of four articles which appeared in the 7/21/68, 7/22/68, and 7/23/68, issues of the "Charlotte Observer", a daily newspaper published at Charlotte, N. C. These articles were prepared by reporter HOWARD COVINGTON.

The Bureau will be advised of any beneficial effects resulting from the publication of these articles.

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N.C. Klan Is Growing Feeble

First In A Series

By Howard Covington Observer Staff Writer

The Ku Klux Klan in North Carolina is in serious trouble.

Attendance is down from the nearly 2,000 average at rallies in the peak year of 1965. About a tenth of that number shows up today.

Internal bickering is hindering the klan and Grand Dragon J. Robert Jones of Granite Quarry is having trouble keeping his klaverns (local units) in line.

Rival organizations have taken over Jones' klaverns in several cities including Greensboro, Wadesboro, Albemarle, Whiteville, Wilson and Roxboro.

Collections at rallies are about a third the size of the usual $25 in weaker days.

There are many reasons for the decline of the klan, but perhaps the most important is the huge informer network, which constantly reports to law and other governmental agencies on klan activities.

In previous cycles of klan success, the organization has thrived on clandestine activities designed to shock individuals or communities.

Today, the shock effect is lost for the klan. Violence carried out someone outside the secret organization generally knows about them.

The klan is so riddled with the eyes and ears of informers, the chances are that if 10 klansmen hold a meeting, one of them is taking mental notes.

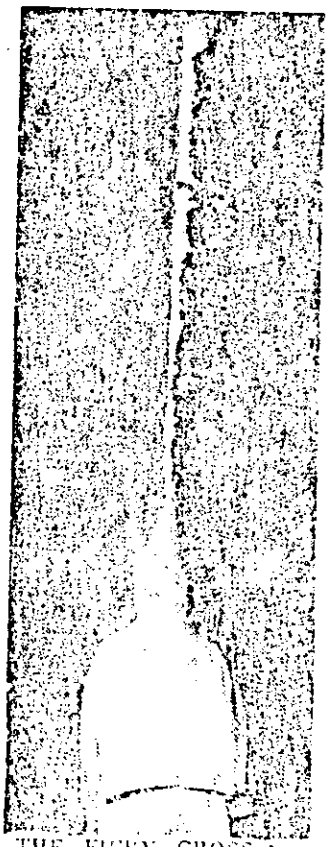
As a result, distrust is rampant in klan units. Not only do klansmen distrust their fellows, there is also growing distrust and suspicion of Grand Dragon Jones.

There are reports that even Jones may be ready to pull out, a move that could mean the end of the klan as an effective organization in North Carolina.

Though Jones may be contemplating abdication, few would dispute that his reign has been exhilarating and profitable.

Two years ago, Jones' organization was the largest group of klansmen in the country. There were more than 200 klaverns in the state, a fact that gave North Carolina the unsavory title, "Klansville U.S.A."

Jones, personally, was able to fill the position in North



THE FIERY CROSS of the KKK now barely flickers in the Tar Heel night.

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Carolina that was taken by George Wallace in Alabama and Lester Maddox in Georgia. The flamboyant traveling salesman became the spokesman for racists.

Indirectly, the klan was aided in its growth by state and local governments, which did little to provide resistance. The closest thing to any state action was the appointment of Gov. Dan K. Moore's Law and Order Committee which had its teeth pulled just when it took a bite.

Even a special klan law of 1953 was bypassed.

But today many klansmen are quitting, having discovered that the organization doesn't have the answers to whatever problems they laid at the fiery cross.

"About all we talk about now at meetings is where we're going to have our next meeting," said one klansman whose unit is no more than sitting and jawing at the country store.

One good public tap of the klan pulse has been the rally. Here is where the major recruiting and fund raising have taken place.

In 1965, there were about 100 rallies during the good weather months. Nearly 2,000 turned out for each one to deliver an average of $225 to Jones' collection buckets.

From that year, the number has decreased steadily both in attendance and collection. So far this year, only about 20 rallies have been held. Average attendance has been less than 200.

$65 A Rally

Jones has said privately he can't operate on the current average rally collection of $65.

"We're going better than before," Jones says, refuting challenges to his record. "We will be here as long as we are needed," he said.

But his membership rolls do not back this up.

While he may have had over 150 active units 18 months ago, the number is about half that now. Reliable klan watchers estimate 1,500 men and women are active, dues paying members, compared with more than 9,000 two years ago.

About the only thing that hasn't changed is the klan taste for money. And with smaller membership this means a bigger bite on those left in the organization.

Jones or the state klan office—the two are often synonymous in bank account and name—are always looking for a buck.

'Flea Market'

The grand dragon has a "flea market" of books, records, jewelry, flags and other paraphernalia on sale at rallies and at his office. There is always a chance on a raffle or punch board that can be bought for a nominal fee.

Like other operations, those are strictly personal projects run by the grand dragon and accounted by him alone.

During a recent campaign to raise a legal defense fund for klansmen accused under a federal civil rights law, Jones operated a punch board. He sold numbers on the board for $100 apiece.

The winner was to receive $5,000 with the profits from the board going to the legal fund.

Jones' winner was a crony and province chief, Larry Robbins of Louisburg, who subsequently kicked back to Jones and the fund half of his winnings.

Jones has not stuck just to dollar and dime items. He has mastered grandiose schemes.

One such was the Widow's Benevolent Fund, an illegal insurance operation for klansmen.

Jones told his empire in a newsletter in January 1965 that as soon as 1,000 members joined the fund at $5 a head, it would begin paying benefits.

Jones told his "clients" the klansman's beneficiary would receive $999.95 at the time the klan office was notified of his death. This amount was chosen because Jones thought the state's limit on unlicensed insurance operations was $1,000.

Money for the benefits, Jones announced, was to be raised from the other fund members who would be expected to donate $1 when notified that a participant in the fund had died.

Jones collected money until mid-1967 when the plan was brought to the attention of N.C. Insurance Commissioner Edwin S. Lanier. As soon as Lanier began his conversation with Jones and his attorney, Lester Chalmers of Raleigh, he told them the plan was illegal.

"The state limit is $500," Lanier said.

Lanier said he found the Fund's books in complete disarray and one investigator told

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him they "were a blamed mess to audit." There were numerous discrepancies and Lanier's men were never able to figure an accurate balance.

If a member didn't maintain good status by paying the $1 assessment fees, all money paid to the fund belonged to it or to Jones, who was the agent.

Jones told Lanier that from the 1,602 members that joined the Fund, he banked a total of $30,542 in $5 membership fees and $1 assessments. He kept this money under his control in an account with the Farmer's and Merchants Bank in Granite Quarry. During the existence, Jones said, the fund paid benefits to 24 members.

The balance left in the bank when Jones told Lanier he had closed his insurance business was just over $5,624. Lanier said Jones was directed to return this money to the remaining members.

There has never been a formal accounting of the balance.

Jones told Lanier he was not paid for his work as insurance agent, but one klan source said he made as high as $20,000 from the operation.

Jones himself once reported that 2,400 klansmen had joined the fund.

If Lanier had taken earlier steps to look into the Fund, he may have saved Jones some trouble and embarrassment.

Before the grand dragon dissolved the operation, two klansmen took their leader for a $999.95 ride.

The two created a fictitious klansman and enrolled him in the fund. When a respectable time had passed, they "killed him off" and notified the state klan office for benefits.

Cluttered with unfinished paper work and burdened with a growing disassociation in many units, Jones sent the benefit check. The profit on their $5 investment was split by the ingeneous duo.

Trial Ordered

When Jones discovered the doublecross, he ordered a klan "trial," but the case has yet to come before a klan "court."

Other reported intra-klan swindles have not been so clever. The treasurer of one unit simply walked off with about $4,000 from the unit's bank account.

This matter, along with others that have cropped up, are never taken to state courts where the klan books would be open for public inspection. They usually result in an abrupt move by the accused comrade to another town.

Reports like this have slowly chipped away at the promises of the klan, supposedly a fraternal and benevolent society.

The latest project was designed to serve a triple purpose. It has met with limited success.

Acting under the cover name of Action By Citizens (ABC) an organization run by Marshall Kornegay, grand dragon of the Virginia klan and a former confidant of Jones, the klan has sold campaign packets for third party candidate George C. Wallace.

The Wallace packets are sold to local klaverns for $30. The klansmen are then to take the enclosed Wallace petitions, get them signed and returned with a $2 donation from each new supporter.

Reid Stubbs of Charlotte, Wallace's N.C. chairman, said recently "some of the funds collected for Wallace are being diverted. We want people to know about ABC."

He said that as a result of the ABC operations, Wallace petitions are now numbered and the person signing out the paper is responsible for the names and any donations collected.

A Jones Denial

Jones denied any connection with the ABC group, but cars and trucks of many klansmen sport the ABC stickers.

For the present, Wallace and his campaign are the sticky part of the glue holding the klan together.

Jones has tried to instill political interest in his followers before but has had only spotty success. He has had even less success winning a foothold for the klan at the polls, a promise made when the klan business was good and growing.

In the early days, Jones talked of building an uptown klan that would make its influence felt in politics. This was reminiscent of the 1920s when the klan did have political control in some states.

His first effort was the opposition to Gov. Dan K. Moore's road bond issue. This may seem a curious matter for klan concern. But Jones spoke against it right after Moore made some unkind remarks about the klan.

The road bond passed, despite Jones' plea to klansmen to vote it down.

Little Success

The May 1966 primaries showed little success for klansmen up for public office. There were about two dozen candidates running in at least 15 counties.

In Rowan, the grand dragon's home county, two klansmen, John Stirewalt and James Wayne Davis, had no opposition in the Republican primary and then rode the coattails of a GOP landslide to office. Stirewalt became sheriff and Davis

A KLAN PARADE downtown used to attract a crowd. This picture was taken in 1965 in Wilson as Grand Dragon Robert Jones, flanked by his wife and unidentified security guard led a Klan walk past hundreds curious onlookers. A scene like this would be hard find today. (AP Photo)

register of deeds.

This was a hollow success, however, as both men immediately came under fire for their klan affiliation and issued statements saying they would not let it influence their jobs.

When Jones tried the same thing this year, his three candidates in Rowan didn't make it out of the primary.

Jones announced in his newsletter issued during the recent primary that several candidates fit the persuasion of the klan. He was careful to skirt the law prohibiting secret political societies, and only gave the candidates his endorsement and not the klan's.

Lack of success of political and other programs is one of the big reasons for dissatisfaction among klan members.

Another is money.

Klansmen have said publicly they didn't appreciate the klan's campaigns to raise attorney fees for other klansmen. For two of the most prominent cases, about $60,000 had to be collected.

When Jones and other state klan officers were called to Washington, D.C., to testify before the House Subcommittee on Un-American Activities, local units were hit for $100 each.

This caused one klansman to question: "Why do I have to pay? I'm in a good organization and have nothing to defend."

A Red Trick

Then when Jones and other officers invoked the Fifth and numerous other amendments to excuse their refusal to supply information, this further embarrassed members who thought of this as a "Communist trick" used in the McCarthy investigations of the early 1950s.

Last fall, klansmen were asked at rallies and meetings to buy chances on a raffle and for donations to pay an estimated $13,000 defense fund for nine men tried in Salisbury this year on federal civil rights charges.

The defense was a success and acquittal was won, but all but one of the defendants have dropped out of day-to-day activity in their klan units. This has caused further disillusionment for those who paid their bill.

Discussion over why attorney Webster Medlin of Concord has not received all his fee from the klan has even prompted hard-core klansmen to lose faith in Jones.

Jones told Mark Wayne Dayvault of Kannapolis, who was his state secretary, that he simply didn't have the money when Dayvault was prodded by Medlin on the unpaid bill.

Infighting in Klansville has spread to feuding between rival klan organizations.

During the recent primary campaign, for example, one klan organization was ready to discredit an opposition group by telling politicians that an opposition candidate was a member of the klan organization.

The politicians didn't buy the information, however, and it later proved to be false.

George Dorsett, the state UKA preacher who was banished by Jones during a power play, is making some inroads into the UKA which he once inspired with his violent speeches against Negroes.

Dorsett's Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan controls 300 klansmen in several klaverns formerly with the UKA.

The Confederate Knights klavern in Charlotte is located at a "naturopathy clinic" or massage parlor owned by Francisco Rosseas, located on 1728 E. Independence Blvd.

The majority of the disillusioned, discontented and dissatisfied klansmen, fed up with Jones or the lack of purpose in the klan, have gone back to their homes.

Forsake Robes

Some klansmen leave the organization, but only forsake the robes and not the ideology.

The racial feelings of this group are taken to organizations such as White Citizen's Councils, some legitimate gun clubs and citizen's band radio outfits that provide a more "respectable" and entertaining atmosphere and can produce some results.

White citizen's groups are popular in the eastern part of the state where "white-collar respectability" has replaced the robe.

None of the groups has become completely controlled by former klansmen.

Membership is drifting, but there is no chance that Jones will lose all his following. Chances are better that the following will lose Jones when the well of lucrative business has gone dry.

The klan is then expected to flounder in search of a new leader. If none can be found, and at this point that is likely, the hard-core membership will simply fold its sheets until better days.

Many klaverns have never been more than social organizations and these will probably continue that way, meeting when the crops are in and idle time is abundant.

This core will ride the ups and downs of the klan history like so many in a roller coaster. Activity and dormancy will mark the beginning and end of another generation's resurgence.

Since its formation nearly 100 years ago, an observation of one klan watcher has probably been used many times.

"The klan has run its course," said the observer.

TOMORROW: How informers are hurting the klan.

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Something Was Missing From Days Past. And That Something Was The Crowd

By HOWARD COVINGTON
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It had rained or threatened to do so all evening. A light sprinkle began to fall even as the cars were parked in rows before the red, white and blue van stationed at the edge of the field.

Despite the bad weather, a country-music group sang for the families that had gathered for the Ku Klux Klan rally held this past weekend just outside Mt. Pleasant in Cabarrus County.

Most of the vehicles were decorated with George Wallace stickers and tags. If there wasn't one on a car, there were plenty available from Grand Dragon J. Robert Jones who sold from a supply in his car.

One red pickup truck was so obscured with klan stickers, Wallace pictures and tags and other plates bearing obscenities, the paint job was really unnecessary. Small confederate flags hillowed from the cab.

Jones was jubiliant as ever. He waited by the platformed musicians and his car, both in tandem to the van which served as podium, office and carrier for the sound equipment.

But there was something missing from days past.

The crowd wasn't as large. The response to the off-color jokes, the supply of derogatory comments about Negroes that flowed as freely as the musicians notes, didn't draw as spirited a response.

About the only expression of emotion the entire evening were meager handclaps at the mention of Wallace's name.

After the musicians left, a klan preacher took the

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microphone to tell that Jesus Christ had been a klansman. His wheezing, continuous rhetoric, punctuated by gasps for breath, ended with a prayer asking for God's approval of the gathering.

Two more speakers followed, including the state klan preacher.

Jim Stikeleather tiraded against the National Council of Churches, which he said was corrupting religion. He dwelled not long there before going on to a more popular topic and said Negroes "are so stupid they can be brainwashed" to follow the "Commmunists," which to Stikeleather was synonymous with civil rights leaders.

He moved on to politics as the children ran from car to car and waited impatiently to ride the pony, the most recent object of a klan lottery.

Stikeleather said people must say:

"No,' to LBJ, say 'no' to Hubert Humphery, say 'no' to Rockefeller" and on down the list of major party candidates. But people "must rally under the banner of patriotism and Christianity and vote for George Wallace and Jim Gardner."

Applause.

Stikeleather, who was preceded on the stand by Jones' wife, Sybil, was the stage setter for the dragon.

But before the dragon gave his presence, a collection was taken. Plastic buckets, like the ones used for years, were passed among the crowd.

The total was announced, $63.63. Not like in better days when the figures averaged almost three times that.

As Jones took the podium, two grey-uniformed

ONLY A FEW YEARS ago a klan rally attracted large crowds. Present in great number were both klansmen and the curious. But a scene like this one is becoming more and more unusual in North Carolina. This gathering was in 1963.

security guards marched forward and stood at parade rest before him. Other guards ambled around the crowd and the parked cars, letting little children pet the large dogs they towed with leash and chain.

Jones seemed to be the one unchanging thing in the scene. His tune was much the same as the other nights during his five years as head of the N.C. Realm, United Klans of America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

He talked of Communism and the joint conspiracy with the Jews. He then boiled it down to a belittling of the Negro and abuse of the federal government.

His particular descriptions this night were a bit of "shoot to kill looters, rioters, murders and rapists" and irreverant remarks about the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"This country has got so low, it would order the flag to fly at half mast for four days for a Communist," he surmised.

Jones continued his theory that he doesn't preach violence and said, "I'm not talking violence, I'm talking self-preservation."

He urged the 150 or so before him to vote for George Wallace (applause) and then concluded with the announcement of the state rally, set for Aug. 10 in Rowan County.

His oratory had been gravelled and not quite as spirited as in better days.

As always the rally concluded with a flaming cross and robed klansmen and women walking in a circle below. All this to the tune of "The Old Rugged Cross," played from a record sold by Jones.

Momentarily after the klanspeople tossed their torches to the foot of the cross flames lept upward. The rest of the crowd stood entranced as the "preacher" pleated with the heavens with Amens. Then people began to move out.

As the crowd dispersed, only one arm of the tall spectacle flamed. The prevailing winds had changed.

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Informers Are Hole In Klan's Boat

Lately, When 10 Klaxers Get Together, 1 Of Them Is Plant

Second In A Series

By HOWARD COVINGTON
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Klansmen in North Carolina don't open their mouths too widely anymore, because they know someone may be recording every word mentally.

Almost from the beginning, as Grand Dragon J. Robert Jones built the largest klan organization in the country, there was someone, somewhere reporting on klan activities.

If 10 klansmen get together, chances are that one of them is an informer, who will report the meeting to a federal, state or private agency.

In one particular instance, the odds were even better. Of the dozen men who attended one klavern meeting recently, three filed reports.

Incidents like these are leading Klan watchers in the state to credit a great deal of the present decline of the klan to the informer network that has been built through the years by public and private agencies.

There is no stereotyped informer. They come from many backgrounds and work for many reasons.

Some informers are recruited, some before, some after they are in klan units. Others volunteer information.

The state's most publicized Klan reporter was Robert P. Hill, the only one of 12 klansmen arrested last summer who pleaded guilty to federal charges of conspiracy.

The others were acquitted after a two-week trial in Salisbury.

Hill, who has since left the state for fear of retaliation, was fresh out of the klan when he told authorities of the violence he said he took part in while a member of a Rowan County Klavern.

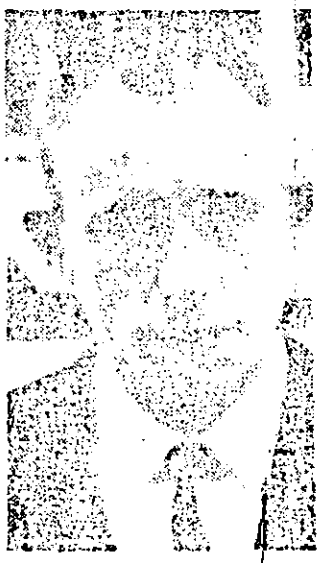
Several months ago, a man who identified himself only as a former member of Jones' United Klan group tried to sell some information.

With little more than an anonymous telephone call to work with, one Klanwatcher began tapping sources elsewhere within the network. He produced the anonymous caller's identity within 48 hours.

The information the caller wanted to sell to lady was well known.

Bits of information also are given freely by loyal members of the klan who feel they have nothing to hide.

These are mostly members of quieter units that serve as little more than social organizations. The ranting about the race issue is simple window dressing.



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for Saturday night socials.

Information has also been picked up from people outside the klan.

One instance involved a rural klan unit that met weekly at the end of a road in a deserted, run-down building. Meetings were held at night in this "secret" place, but a farmer with a home up the road knew something was up when 30 or so cars drove by his house.

There are many reasons why men and women report to officialdom on the klan.

Some work for money while others are repulsed by the mention of pay for what they consider their patriotic duty. Some expect a favor in court but are told from the first they should not expect favors if they implicate themselves by what they say.

Those who work for money are not receiving equal compensation for the job they do. The pay doesn't make up for the nights away from home, the time spent on weekends and the personal challenges to the individual.

Even some of those who do accept money don't keep it. One individual takes pay for his tightroping work, then turns around and makes an equivalent donation to a charitable institution.

Those who accept no money may have decided their role after they joined a klan unit and become disgusted with what they saw. They stay in to serve as a pipeline to the outside.

For these, the work may be the hardest of all. They stomach the racism and hatred that has always characterized the klan and even have to contribute time and money to an organization they feel is rotten to the core.

Whatever the reasoning behind their work, they consider the job vital.

Through time, opportunity and attrition, some informers have been able to work their way into the klan's inner sanctum. Others, however, are content to remain only dues-paying members.

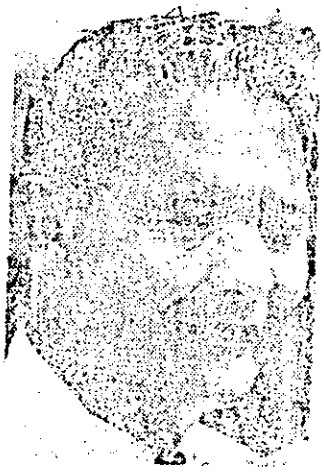
The status of the "klansman" determines what type of information may be passed on.

A low-ranking member can usually do no more than record the attendance at meetings and rallies or socials and keep those interested alerted on future activities.

Those in higher positions are privy to the inner workings of the klan and gather information of a more serious nature, like trying to keep abreast of klan weaponry caches.

The operation of such a network is considered serious enough by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, that he publicly provided a general outline of his agency's klan operation when he testified before the House Appropriations Committee this spring.

"The FBI's intelligence operation, which includes penetration of the (14) klan organizations with informants, not only assists the Bureau in the investigation of laws within the FBI's jurisdiction, but also enables us to disseminate information regarding klan activities to interested federal agencies



Robert Jones
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". . .The Bureau is able to advise of activities such as rallies and demonstrations which could lead to violence and other civil disturbance."

In North Carolina, the reasoning for an effective collection of klan reporters is almost as basic as the klan itself.

The Ku Klux Klan has always thrived on violence and threat of violence.

Militant white racists flock to the klan in hopes of fulfilling their desires and often become the hard-core members.

Jones, the N.C. grand dragon, recognized this early in the development of his klan organization. He also knew that federal and state statutes prohibit even conspiratorial discussions of violence.

Knowing that their pla could get into the "wron hands, klansmen have be reluctant to plan violent ac their meetings, a fact t probably has kept klan violen down in North Carolina.

In hopes of surviving at lea on the fringes of the law, Jon began promoting politics as outlet of emotion—a twist the "bullets for ballots" idea.

The plan failed in more ways than one.

Jone's hope to build a pol ically active but secret orga ization ran afoul of state law prohibiting such. He was al unable to produce results.

Men who joined the kla expecting to flex their muscl against "integration and com munism" were frustrated whe Jones told them to hush a violent talk and leave the plans at home.

Some disregarded Jones p lic plea for a shedding violence by the klan. Seve klansmen have ended in prison

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disturbances broke out in Winston-Salem and a klansman there urged him to call out the security guard, a paramilitary division of the klan.

Invoking the klan vow to rush to the aid of any member, the klansman wanted his brothers to come to town armed and prepared to protect his store. He told Jones, "The police have said they can [illegible] of any help."

Before the security guard was "mobilized" however, Jones denied the request and issued orders for klansmen to stay in their homes.

The thought plagued Jones that if additional trouble resulted from klan's presence in the racially-tense city, an informer would know that he had been the one who ordered the move, making him responsible.

The invisible organization of listeners within the "Invisible Empire" has caused Jones and others to suffer from stages of paranoia.

The grand dragon has tried to ferret out those supplying information, but so far he has been unsuccessful.

Once, he devised a plan whereby the same story, except in different versions, was fed to different people. Jones hoped it would eventually come back to him and he could compare stories with the names of klansmen in whom he had "confided."

The plan failed because an informer knew of the ruse.

Jones has conducted virtual witch hunts in hopes of finding security leaks, but these have been unsuccessful.

The grand dragon is continually warning against the informer in the crowd and loyal klansmen have developed almost as much hate for them as for other targets of their spite.

This hate has caused anxious moments for many informants.

Once when a klan insider felt he was being followed to the contact point, a new public meeting place was arranged. The site was suitably public so [illegible] there would [illegible]

On the day of delivery, the contact man appeared followed by the informant, who was probably followed by a klansman who was followed by lawmen present just in case.

Under more relaxed conditions contacts are made in plush offices, or homes or even the backwoods. Usually the site is one convenient enough for the informant to explain his presence.

One informer sits down regularly once a week and dictates his report of recent klan doings into a recording machine. The tape is then passed on to the contact man.

"We call it the hit record of the week," the contact man said.

In times, such as these, when the klan is doing little, the informer's work is often sheer drudgery. Some talk of quitting, either because of the monotony or because they are finding that being a "klansman" is expensive, a problem even for regular members. Some just get fed up with the people and ideology associated with the klan.

One informant has talked of coming in from the cold because of the effect he feels it is having on his family.

"That's the hardest part of all," this individual said when asked how the klan is explained to his children. Unfortunately, they too are taken to the rallies and meetings to keep the guise of being a loyal klansman, through and through.

TOMORROW: Robert Hill was scared the day he went to the FBI with his story of the Ku Klux Klan.

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Changes In The Activists

How An Informer Faced Klan's Power

LAST OF A SERIES

By HOWARD COVINGTON
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Robert Hill was scared the day he went to the Federal Bureau of Investigation with his story of the Ku Klux Klan.

He was ready to tell all he knew about incidents of violence in which he had participated.

But he wasn't sure that he was ready to face the threats on his life and on his family that were sure to come from the Klan after his disclosures.

And he had second thoughts many times about confessing to shootings, attempted bombings and cross-burnings in which he had taken part.

But one day in the spring of 1967, Hill drove 20 miles from Concord to the Charlotte FBI office, remembering with every mile the pledge he had made to fellow klansmen:

"I will keep forever secret . . . . "

Once in the office, Hill asked agents if they could give him some assurances about his future.

They couldn't.

"I wanted them to force it out of me, but they wouldn't do that. They put two papers (legal notices of rights) in front of me and I told them I wasn't signing nothing.

"I asked them to make sure I got off. They wouldn't do that. I asked them to move my family. They wouldn't do that. I asked them for $500 and they wouldn't do that either.

"Pretty soon I saw they weren't going to do anything so I signed both (the papers) and told them everything.

"I did what I had to do."

Hill sat on the edge of a well-worn sofa in his new home far away from Concord and far away from the old klan meetings. He talked of the days before he and 11 other klansmen were arrested by federal agents and charged with conspiring to violate the civil rights of Negroes, school officials and others in Rowan and Cabarrus counties.

There were no pleasant memories.

There were painful recollections of gun-toting nightrides he took with fellow klansmen and of the agonizing decision to resign from the klan and tell his story to the FBI.

And there were memories of the trial in federal district court last January, and they were the most painful of all.

For Hill the trial was a personal disaster.

He pleaded guilty to the

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charges. The other klansman pleaded innocent.

Bill calmly outlined more than a dozen incidents of violence or intimidation in which he admitted playing a part. The descriptions included the names of other defendants who he said went with him on each occasion and the actions they took.

Hill identified guns he said he and the others used and accurately pinpointed bullet holes he said his shots had made.

Following the government's presentation of testimony from Hill and a host of other witnesses, the other defendants took the stand to deny any part of klan violence.

They produced character witnessrs for themselves and their defense also included character witnesses for the klan.

One defendant denied in court that he had signed statements similar to Hill's. He said he "blacked out" the day he allegedly accompanied FBI agents who took his sworn statements on klan violence.

After nine days of testimony, the jury acquitted eight of the men. Charges were dismissed against two others after a mistrial in one of the cases. And another defendant died before the trial.

Only Hill, the man who had gone to the FBI, was convicted. He was given a three-year term in prison, which was suspended by Federal District Judge Edwin M. Stanley.

Stanley told Hill he couldn't in good conscience send him to prison.

But life for Robert Hill, his wife and five daughters had changed long before the trial began.

It has been almost a year to the day (July 20) that Hill packed his family, their belongings and $140 in savings into a small station wagon and left quickly here in Concord.

After a drive of several days, the Hills arrived in a strange state in a strange town full of strange people.

At first there was only one comfort—anonymity.

Hill had no job. He had a past soiled with a criminal record. He had only eight years of education. And his ability to stay on a new job was questionable—he still had to face sentencing on the conspiracy charge.

However, he found a job as a truck driver. He started work and moved his large family into a three-room garage apartment in a building suffering from advanced stages of urban blight.

It was the only home available that would fit the family's meager budget.

The summer was sweltering. Hill had an air conditioner but the light wiring in the building couldn't handle the electrical load.

In the winter the apartment was cold.

Hill said that just after the trial in Salisbury, he returned home to three-below zero temperatures.

The family, survived the difficult living conditions, but uncertainties about the future prolonged their winter of discontent into spring, when Hill was called again to North Carolina for sentencing.

Judge Stanley's decision to give Hill a suspended sentence lifted a heavy burden from the family.

Hill's wife, Betty, remembers it.

"He called and said, 'Honey, I'm coming home.' That's all I knew until he got here," she said, but that was enough.

Betty Hill is a big woman. She said she gained 30 pounds worrying about her husband.

"We used to always argue about the klan," she said, her long blonde hair in a sort of tangle about her friendly face. "He'd go out and not tell me where he was going or nothing and then he would come home at one and two o'clock in the morning.

"I'd ask him where he'd been and he'd say, 'I can't tell you.' I'd ask him if he had got into any trouble and he wouldn't say.

"We used to talk a lot before he joined the klan. But we never talked after that. We fought a lot," she said.

Mrs. Hill sat across the room from her husband and talked between checking on the five girls and filling her husband's coffee mug rom a 20-cup percolator in the kitchen.

"If there's anything that's breaking up homes, it's the klan," she said. "It's doing more than any woman."

Mrs. Hill explained that she has more liberal political views than her husband and is a virtual student of the Kennedy family.

But she became a member of the klan and eventually was a vice president of a women's auxiliary, just to find out where her husband was and what he was doing.

"I didn't find out," she said. "None of us did. All we knew was what we would read in the papers the next day."

While Mrs. Hill was anxious to know about her husband's klan activities, she shielded her

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children from most of the information.

All but the basics have been kept from the five girls.

They inquire at times and want to read a collection of newspaper clippings. But the parents won't let them know more until they are older.

"I just told them, 'Your daddy is working for the FBI and he's doing what's right,'" Betty said. She had to make excuses when they left Concord.

Hill said he joined the klan because he had always wanted to. His grandfather had been a member, "and I believed in what it stood for." It made him feel bigger than he really was, too, he said.

He was an active member and talked big. This prompted the klavern leadership to promote him fast and he took charge of a squad in the klan security guard, a paramilitary division.

One outburst against Negroes—"that's what we talked about most, niggers"—led to another and Hill became a member of the "inner circle," a sort of klan within a klan that spread violence through Rowan and Cabarrus county for about 18 months, Hill said.

Hill said he rode on more than a dozen nightrides and the houses he shot into and the dynamite he stashed in the woods, meant little to him personally.

Finally it hit him. What if I kill?

"I came in that night from the shooting at the Lyerlies (one of the families hit by a blast of bullets and shotgun pellets) and was shaking. I was so scared. I was thinking about that bedroom I had shot into and about my own kids sleeping in our house.

"Those thin walls, buckshot would go right through them."

Hill finally decided to talk to his wife. They talked for two nights, but he couldn't find the courage to tell his story to the law.

He went out again.

Betty Hill was the one who finally talked him into going to the FBI.

Thoughts of betrayal of the klan oath and the enigma of the label "informer" (he still chafes under the word) tore at his conscience.

"That night I came back from Charlotte, I went into the bedroom and laid down with my pistol across my chest. If I had been a crazy man, I would have killed myself. I've never told anybody about that."

The next few months he was on a tightrope. Hill maintained a sympathy with klansmen who came to talk him back into the klan. At the same time he spoke a coded language with FBI agents and met them on several occasions.

By the time of the arrest, things were too hot in Concord. That's when he packed the station wagon and left. He has no plans to return.

"I'm just Robert Hill up here. All I want to do is live and let live. They don't know about me and I don't want them to know.

"I'm not against niggers. I never have been."

He said he uses the word because it's always been a part of his vocabulary. He would feel hypocritical doing otherwise.

"I don't mind my kids going to school with niggers and I don't mind sitting next to one in a restaurant. I wouldn't even mind if one moved in next door or across the street, but I won't have him running over here all the time. If he stays in his yard, I'll stay in mine. That's OK."

About two years ago he used to talk about killing Negroes for the sake of killing, he said.

"You don't have to have one in your house any more than you have to watch that television right there. You can get up and turn it off if you don't want to watch it.

"The only thing I've told my kids is never to bring one home from school. I don't mean to be nasty about it. Do it without hurting any feelings over it."

Hill stopped for a minute. He had been talking in spurts.

"I am against this interracial marriage. I don't know what I'd do if one of (his daughters) brought one home to marry. I don't know," he said, then laughed nervously.

Hill readily admits he hasn't changed his racial attitudes much since he left the klan. He's just not ready to join any group or take any action to prove his ideals.

Hill does support Wallace for president, but not actively.

Other things are quite the same.

The Hills found comfort and aid in the local anti-poverty program when they first moved in. They were poor and needed help.

"It's not just for niggers. It's for poor people too, like us," he laughed again.

Eventually the family got back on its feet financially and moved from the garage apartment into a rented home with three bedrooms.

It's in a quiet subdivision, and the girls have begun making friends in the neighborhood and at school.

On the wall in one room are pictures of men Hill used to refer to as "those nigger-lovin' Kennedys." Jovonnie, the oldest child, has made the montage of Jack, Robert and Edward Kennedy from magazine clippings.

There once was a time when Robert Hill would have slapped you down if you called him a liar, as his former klan associates did from the witness stand at the trial. He's not as temperamental today.

"I believe the klan once stood for something. Now it's just a money-maker for (J. Robert) Jones the grand dragon in North Carolina," Hill said.

It's not a proud story but Hill is proud of the ending. Though he smarts under the loss of klansmen who were his friends, he wants to make a new life. He feels freer now. He didn't when he lived in Concord and was a klansman.

"If I can just stop one dumb nitwit from joining."

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Director, FBI (157-9-8) -146 PERSONAL ATTENTION

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
RACIAL MATTERS REC-114

1 - Mr. Deegan
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ReCUlet 7/26/68.

The articles printed in the "Charlotte Observer" concerning the Klan were well written and should logically produce a disruptive effect in Klan activities within the Charlotte Division.

You should expeditiously advise the Bureau of beneficial effects resulting from this counterintelligence effort and if deemed pertinent, include your recommendation for Bureau recognition of personnel involved.

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NOTE:

The Charlotte Division has conducted a Bureau-approved counterintelligence program which resulted in the printing of four articles in the Charlotte Observer in July of 1968. These articles pointed out that the Klan was "dying." They also discussed the problems of informants and attributed the decline of the Klan to the patriotism of the informant programs. These articles should definitely disrupt Klan recruitment. We are instructing Charlotte to furnish us beneficial effects of the articles and if pertinent, their recommendations for recognition.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8) DATE: 8/23/68

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-231)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Charlotte letter to Bureau, 7/26/68, and Bureau letter to Charlotte, 8/5/68.

ReBulet concerned the newspaper articles which appeared in the July 21, 22 and 23, 1968, issues of the "Charlotte Observer" concerning the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA) as pertained to any disruptive effect these articles may have had on the Klan within the Charlotte Division.

Delay in responding to reBulet has been occasioned by the necessity of contacting appropriate informants and analyzing the results of these articles. This has now been done and it appears that these articles have had a disruptive effect on the Klan in North Carolina.

The following has been obtained from the indicated informants concerning the effect these articles have had:

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[redacted] feels his leadership and handling of Klan money is being questioned and he is concerned about the newspaper publicity he and the Klan have been receiving lately. He is also concerned with the number of FBI informants among the various Klaverns in the state, but again he does not know any way to stop the infiltration by the FBI.

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members indicating that it appeared there was a leak in practically every Klan unit in the state. The members were disgruntled completely with [redacted] handling of the Klan which would make it subject to such articles by the news media. One member commented, "what's the use in having a secret organization when you can read about everything that happens to the organization in the newspaper". [redacted] pointing out that when articles like these appear the Klan gets a bad name and all Klansmen suffer whether they had anything to do with the activities or operation that is the subject of the articles or not.

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[redacted] these articles have had an appreciable effect on Klansmen in the [redacted] and could result in a considerable decline in members and activity on its present level.

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[redacted] did not discuss the articles to any great length in any close meeting. [redacted] that articles of this nature are doing nothing but hurt the Klan. [redacted] since it appears he is the one who is bringing all the bad publicity down on the Klan. This informant stated that in his opinion such articles appearing on a periodical basis tends to keep the members in a disgruntled frame of mind and would go a long way toward keeping new members from joining, and keep some of the old members in such a state of turmoil that some might discontinue membership.

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As indicated above by information received from several informants, a most beneficial effect has been derived from the publication of these articles. The tremendous over-all benefit resulting from such adverse notoriety cannot adequately be measured, but it appears that during the past year articles such as those which have been based on information furnished to friendly press contacts, after securing Bureau approval for such counterintelligence action, have been responsible in large measure for the noticeable decline of the Klan.

There can be no doubt that these articles have undermined the confidence of the rank and file members in the leadership of North Carolina [redacted] and equally important these articles and others like them have discouraged many persons who were potential applicants for membership in the Klan. Many fresh prospects have been discouraged from joining the Klan due to these articles commenting adversely concerning [redacted] leadership ability, his handling of finances and other matters.

These articles and the others over the past year or so have been the result of the superior work in developing a friendly press contact at the "Charlotte Observer" by SA [redacted], and the furnishing of identifiable information on which such articles could be based by SA [redacted]

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During the intervening year several articles, all of which have had a very pronounced and detrimental effect upon the Klan in North Carolina, have appeared through the friendly press contacts developed by SA [redacted] and subsequent extensive research of Klan material available, as well as a digest of public source information, and subsequent conferences with the press contacts by SAs [redacted] Conferences between these Agents, the Special Agent in Charge, and the press contacts ultimately led to the concentration of material which could be presented in the most newsworthy manner calculated to be the most damaging to the Klan. This material has been presented with considerable tact and discretion to the press contacts, and due to the superb fashion in which this work has been handled and the exemplary manner in which the above Agents have handled this very delicate assignment, I am hereby recommending that individual letters of commendation be received by SAs [redacted]

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8) DATE: 9/30/68

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY -
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte letter to Bureau, 6/26/68.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS LETTER

Set forth below is current information regarding the Counterintelligence Program being directed toward UKA in the Charlotte Division:

HINTON ROWAN HELPER SOCIETY, INC.

By communication dated 8/19/68, the Charlotte Office furnished the Bureau a copy of the By-Laws of this organization, as well as information showing that this group has more than 200 members, all of whom are allegedly former members of UKA.

The Bureau was advised that a separate communication would be directed to the Bureau concerning the counter-intelligence potential of this organization.

To date, no additional information has been received concerning the Hinton Rowan Helper Society, Inc. In the event subsequent information is received indicating that this organization has a potential counterintelligence value, appropriate recommendations will be made to the Bureau.

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PUBLICITY

By communications dated 7/2/68 and 7/12/68, the Bureau was advised of articles being planned by reporters of the "Charlotte Observer" concerning the Klan. With Bureau authority, Agents of the Charlotte Office discussed the plan with these reporters and the articles appeared in the 7/21,22,23/68 issues of the "Charlotte Observer". Copies of the articles were furnished the Bureau by letter dated 7/26/68, and subsequently the Bureau was advised of the beneficial results of these articles.

GENERAL INFORMATION

In July 1968, [redacted] of UKA in North Carolina, met on two occasions with members of the State Board of UKA and on both occasions advised that the state organization owed approximately $15,000. He claimed that UKA owed him $12,000 for one year's salary which he had not received. Also, that the Klan attorney who represented the Klansmen at the trial in Salisbury in January 1968, is owed $1,000 and that the Klan still owes for printing work done. [redacted] advised the State Board members that he intended to propose at the State meeting on 8/11/68 that each Unit be assessed $100 in order to make up the deficit. [redacted] threatened to resign [redacted] in the event he did not receive the support of the Klaverns in this regard. He claimed that it was necessary for the State office to receive $3,100 each month in order to break even.

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On 8/11/68, at the State meeting of UKA, the delegates present voted to assess each Unit $100 as proposed by [redacted]

This assessment has renewed considerable discussion throughout the state concerning disposition of funds by [redacted]. Many informants have reported that the members feel that [redacted] is misusing Klan funds and feel that he probably has received his salary in day-to-day living expenses without actually claiming it as salary. Many members also

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feel that [redacted] is making one last "pitch" for money and upon receipt of all of the funds from the Units will resign as [redacted] The $100 assessment is to be paid [redacted] within a 90 day period. Recently, it was learned that only 11 men's Units and 7 or 8 ladies auxiliaries had paid the assessment.

The Charlotte Office feels that this is a very desirable situation. Pressure will be applied by [redacted] those Units which do not contribute the $100. Many Units do not have $100 to contribute. Undoubtedly a great number will not pay the assessment. Undoubtedly a number of these Units will be dropped from UKA or will voluntarily discontinue affiliation with UKA.

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The current estimated active membership of UKA in North Carolina is 949, which would mean that the state office is receiving less than $500 per month from dues. The salary of [redacted] is $1,200 per month; the telephone bill is approximately $650 per month; expenses of [redacted] automobile are $800 per month; and the printing bill is about $300 per month. Obviously, [redacted] cannot continue to operate the Klan as he has in the past with the limited amount of resources available to him.

At the present time the Klan is going downhill in North Carolina. [redacted] It is felt that no additional action should be taken at this time; however, in November 1968, when the deadline for the payment of the assessment is due, it may be that favorable newspaper articles would have a desirable effect on the membership. At that time the Bureau will be consulted concerning this counterintelligence measure.

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FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY -
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte letter to Bureau, dated 9/30/68.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS LETTER

Set forth below is current information regarding the Counterintelligence Program being directed toward UKA in the Charlotte Division.

HINTON ROWAN HELPER SOCIETY, INC.

Since submission of referenced letter, no information has been received concerning the Hinton Rowan Helper Society, Inc. In view of this, it does not appear that this organization offers any counterintelligence potential at this time.

RESULTS OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTIVITY THROUGH CONFEDERATE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (CKKKK)

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[redacted] has been discussed at many klan meetings of UKA throughout the state with favorable results. Many of the units have expressed dissatisfaction with [redacted] and have refused to send money to the state and national offices.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

As the Bureau was advised in referenced letter, at the State Meeting on 8/11/68 [redacted] proposed, and it was approved, that each unit in North Carolina be assessed $100. [redacted] claimed the organization owed approximately $15,000.

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is of the opinion that it is very likely [redacted] will drop out [redacted] within a few months, because sufficient money is not coming into the state office and the current estimated active membership of UKA in North Carolina is under 1,000. The season for public rallies is over, and during the winter months the klan usually takes a downward trend. Also the November Presidential elections in which the klan was very active in behalf of Presidential Candidate GEORGE WALLACE no longer affords the klan a common goal. It is believed that the UKA in North Carolina will continue a downward trend at an accelerated pace.

Every opportunity to capitalize on the situation through Counterintelligence activity will be taken by this office, and the Bureau will be advised.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/30/69

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CONFEDERATE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

I. BACKGROUND:

As the Bureau is aware [redacted] of United Klans of America (UKA) in North Carolina. [redacted] These activities occurred in the Spring and early Summer of 1966. [redacted]

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On April 1, 1967, the [redacted] came to a head and [redacted] from UKA. At that time [redacted] Included were several large and active units including [redacted]

In July, 1967, [redacted] that a [redacted] On August 20, 1967, these former members of UKA met and formed the Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (CKKKK). [redacted] of this new organization.

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This attempt to split UKA in North Carolina and to diminish its power was successful. In addition to the original UKA units which [redacted] and other UKA units joined CKKKK.

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Of the 41 charters issued one was in the state of Virginia. All of the others were in North Carolina. There were 36 men's units and four women's units chartered. In many instances no klavern was actually organized even though a charter was issued.

I. PRESENT SITUATION:

1. KLAVERNS AND MEMBERSHIP

[redacted] broken down by klaverns, showing exact amount of money received from each unit from August, 1967, when CKKKK was formed, through December, 1968. These records showed that 11 men's units have never submitted any money to the state office. The remaining 31 klaverns have paid dues totaling $1,103.25 (an average of only $35.00 per klavern over a 15-month period). Only four klaverns are current in dues payments and the remaining 27 klaverns are delinquent on an average of five months.

At the present time there are only nine men's units and three ladie's auxiliaries considered to be active, although several of these units are not current in their dues. These units are as follows:

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Unit	Gross Membership	Average Attendance At Meetings	Paid Up Members
Alamance County #3	17	9	6
Enfield #24	14		6
Fayetteville #14	16		14
Greensboro #2	49	12	15
Greensboro #2A (Ladies)	8	4	4
Greensboro #31	9	4	7
Ormondsville #9	10		5
Pitt County #8	12		12
Whiteville #27	11	9	11
Whiteville #27A (Ladies)	3	3	3
Whitsett #4	37	15	29
Whitsett #4A (Ladies)	11	8	11
TOTALS:	197		124

From the above it can be seen that there is at the present time a gross membership in CEKNK of 197, with only 124 dues-paying members. The average attendance at meetings is eight per unit, or a projected total of 96 members attending weekly meetings on a regular basis.

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The Albemarle Klavern, on January 14, 1969, voted to disassociate with CKKKK and become an independent organization. [redacted]

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The Rembore Klavern of CKKKK [redacted] of the Rembore Ladie's Auxiliary, [redacted] have severed affiliation with CKKKK and are functioning as an independent organization. [redacted] necessary in view of the nature of individuals connected with this group.

The Wadesboro Klavern has also severed connections with CKKKK and is now an independent group. [redacted] that there has been no social trouble in the Wadesboro area in the past.

There was [redacted] these units are no longer active and the [redacted]

III. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE ACTION CONTEMPLATED:

CKKKK has accomplished the intended results. The idea was to siphon off members of UKA, thereby diminishing the power of UKA, and to enable the Charlotte office, through

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[redacted] and no further [redacted] UKA. There are many members of CKKKK who will join any Klan organization in existence. If CKKKK ceases to function as an organization these members undoubtedly will return to UKA. This is not desirable. [redacted]

[redacted] It is anticipated that several of the units will not pay the state office of CKKKK these back dues and this [redacted] Some of the units, such as Cramerville and Rio Courtly, have indicated they do not intend to pay the state office any money.

It is believed that the above-mentioned action will further reduce the size of CKKKK.

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Since its formation no informer has been received indicating that members of CKKKK have engaged in any acts of racial violence. [redacted]

IV. SUMMARY:

The above represents a summary of our continuous analysis of CKKKK. The Charlotte Office recognizes the [redacted] Particular attention has been given to insure that when CKKKK has done its utmost damage to UKA [redacted]

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This entire communication deals with CHKTK. A similar communication will be submitted on UKA in the future for the purpose of recommending a phase-out program with a view toward conserving Agent time. It is mandatory that we devote any Agent time saved toward other investigative responsibilities. The Bureau will be advised in this regard.

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Memorandum

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INTERNAL SECURITY - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte letter, 12/23/68.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS LETTER

Set forth below is current information concerning the results of the Counterintelligence Program being directed against UKA in North Carolina.

Klaverns and Membership

At the present time there are 50 men's klaverns in UKA in North Carolina in which there are 1,388 paid-up members and 711 members attending weekly meetings on an average. In March, 1968, there were 82 men's units with 2,263 paid-up members and 1,123 attending weekly meetings on an average. These comparitive figures show a considerable decline in Klan strength in the past year.

In 10 of the 50 klaverns there are less than 15 paid-up members. Fifteen is considered to be charter strength. In 33 of the 50 klaverns there are less than 15 members attending weekly meetings.

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Ladies Auxiliaries

By letter dated November 29, 1966, the Charlotte Office proposed that no further efforts be made to develop informants in ladies auxiliaries but that existing informants in the auxiliaries would be continued. The Bureau approved these proposals.

Currently, information is available indicating there are 17 ladies auxiliaries with 170 paid-up members and 136 attending weekly meetings [redacted]

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There is no known instance where a member of the ladies auxiliary has been involved in an act of violence and no indications that members have advocated violence.

Conclusions

Prior to July, 1967, members of UKA in North Carolina were responsible for a number of acts of violence constituting both Federal and State violations. Since the arrest of 7 klansmen in Charlotte in April, 1967, on charges of crossburnings and the arrest of 12 klansmen in the vicinity of Kannapolis and Concord, N. C., in July, 1967, on charges of conspiracy, there have been only infrequent and isolated instances where klansmen have been allegedly involved in incidents of violence.

These arrests, the Counterintelligence Program, (mainly the formation of Confederate Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and continuing unfavorable press articles), and the proper use of informants have contributed greatly to the marked decrease in klan strength.

This office is aware that 50 klaverns and 1,388 paid-up members represents a potential source of trouble and no consideration is being given to minimizing our

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responsibilities involving the klan. However, due to UKA's loss of membership and the fact that its members are no longer engaging in violence to any great extent, and because it is mandatory that all possible Agent time be saved for other investigative responsibilities, a current appraisal of where we stand and our goals has been made and the following recommended.

Recommendations

1. That all present informants in men's units be continued and that there be no decrease of coverage and no disruption of the flow of information from these sources.

2. [redacted] The informants being operated in men's units are in a position to report on acts of violence in which these auxiliaries may engage or advocate.

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3. The development of an informant in a unit where there are only 5 or 6 active members attending meetings is difficult due to the limited number of persons who could be developed, and more importantly, the results, even if successful, are of questionable value due to the small number of persons on whom the informant reports. [redacted] Of course, if these

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klaverns increase in membership to any great extent or information is received indicating a potential for violence, efforts will be resumed to obtain direct coverage.

4. [redacted]

5. As of March 24, 1969, [redacted] of UKA reported to the United States Marshal to begin serving a one-year sentence for Contempt of Congress. During his absence [redacted]

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Prior to his departure [redacted] in an appeal to all units urged that former members be contacted for the purpose of getting them to "return to more positive and effective participation in the objectives of the Klan ..." He urged these former members to protest against the "political imprisonment" of the Klan leaders.

Undoubtedly [redacted] role as a martyr will have its effect on some former Klansmen who will be attracted to return to UKA. It cannot be determined at this time whether this appeal will stimulate klan growth to any extent.

With [redacted] in command every opportunity will be explored fully to further disrupt UKA and bring about a decrease in the number of klaverns and members. Until [redacted] has had an opportunity to determine what his power will be and how far he will be able to go in influencing the membership, no concrete proposals of a counterintelligence nature can be made. This will be taken up in detail [redacted] and some definite counterintelligence program will be formulated and the Bureau will be advised.

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

Mr. J. A. Marion

SAC, Charlotte (157-281) 4/14/69

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Director, FBI (157-9-8) -152

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF WHITE HATE GROUPS
RACIAL MATTERS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)

ReCElet 3/27/69.

The recommendations set forth in referenced communication concerning the phasing out and otherwise deleting of racial informants now furnishing coverage on UKA Klaverns should not be included in matters pertaining to counterintelligence. Specific recommendations for the deletion of informants should be handled under the substantive case caption. Your recommendations concerning [redacted] should be furnished under individual captions with your recommendations as to coverage of the individual Klaverns.

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NOTE:

Under the counterintelligence program, Charlotte has made recommendations concerning the deletion and phasing out of racial informants now furnishing information on the UKA. We are reminding them that matters dealing with policy in the UKA should be handled under appropriate caption and is definitely not a counterintelligence measures.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8) DATE: 7/2/69

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte letter, 3/27/69.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS LETTER

Set forth below is current information concerning the counterintelligence program in North Carolina.

General

In referenced letter the Bureau was advised that until [redacted] who is [redacted] in the absence of [redacted] has had an opportunity to determine what power he has over the membership of UKA in North Carolina, no definite proposals of a counterintelligence nature would be made. The Bureau was advised this matter would be taken up [redacted] after which time some counterintelligence programs would be formulated and the Bureau advised.

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[redacted] relative to the handling of affairs of UKA in the absence of [redacted] indicated that his source would be unwilling to take drastic steps since he feels that such action would weaken or endanger his position in UKA. [redacted] feels that he must work with and around [redacted] and other officials who are basically loyal to [redacted]

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In explanation of why members continue to attend meetings when no pertinent policies are discussed, he indicated that it is his belief that most of the members of UKA are basically anti-social and are not the type of individual to join bona fide civic organizations. They feel that their membership in UKA gives them an outlet for their prejudices and also affords them some social life. [redacted] stated that to his knowledge very little constructive work is being done by UKA.

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He advised that every opportunity is being taken to prevent the members from discussing acts of violence or engaging in same and to his knowledge the klan has not engaged in any acts of violence in recent months.

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The Charlotte Office will continue to work through [redacted] in an effort to further disrupt [redacted] in North Carolina. The Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA)

Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau dated 7/28/69, and Bureau letter to Charlotte dated 8/12/69. Reference is also made to Charlotte letter and LHM of 8/6/69, entitled "SHOOTING INCIDENT AT KLAN MEETING, MIDDLETON, N. C., 7/4/69, RM - KLAN." Briefly, the letter and LHM of 8/6/69 recounted that at the court action in Hyde County, beginning 7/16/69, all UKA member defendants pleaded not guilty to the felony charge. [redacted] of North Carolina, had his own attorney and all the other UKA defendants were represented by [redacted] who had been retained by [redacted] at a fee of $12,500.00. After three days of hearings, the State Court Judge said all defendants would be bound over to Superior Court on the felony charges; however, they were given the opportunity to plead guilty to a reduced misdemeanor charge, with fine and probation and no active prison time. All of the Negro defendants, and all but three of the UKA defendants, accepted this offer and pleaded guilty. Each was sentenced to $1,000.00 fine, suspended sentence of one year, and five years probation. Among those pleading guilty was [redacted]

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[redacted] had been at this meeting together with [redacted] of N. C., presently in Federal prison for contempt of Congress.

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At this meeting, [redacted] with support of about half the State officers and most of the Titans, tried to ram through action to censure and remove [redacted] for having pleaded guilty. They are also angry with him for having had separate attorneys and for expressing opposition to the United Defense Fund. This is a project started by [redacted] whereby each Klavern, nationwide, is to send at least $200.00 to the National Headquarters. [redacted] has expressed opposition, saying that North Carolina units should keep the money in North Carolina and help out the North Carolina defendants first.

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[redacted] was opposed to paying the fines of any of the 14 UKA defendants from the United Defense Fund because they "had violated the unwritten law of the Klan by pleading guilty."

A final vote on the United Defense Fund assessment was put off to the 8/31/69 State Meeting of UKA at Wilson, N. C., where representatives from all Units will be present. Actually, according to a fast report given at the 8/3/69 meeting b[redacted] North Carolina units have already contributed about $7,900.00 to this fund. This amount represents about half of the total collections; and almost all of the money has already been paid out, mostly to [redacted]

Also, [redacted] expects a motion will undoubtedly be made at the 8/31/69 meeting to remove [redacted] At the 8/3/69 meeting he made the statement he had been elected Grand Klaliff (as a result of which he succeeded to the position of Acting Grand Dragon) by vote of the North Carolina membership, and he would not leave that position unless removed by the membership. [redacted] stated he felt very likely [redacted] will be voted out because [redacted] are bringing

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tremendous pressure on other members against him. He had learned that [redacted] However, through a provision which he claimed was in the rules [redacted] did not allow the Titans to vote; only actual State Officers were allowed to vote, and their vote was inconclusive.

Other informants have confirmed this account of the 8/3/69 meeting and the expected vote at the coming 8/31/69 meeting. [redacted] that, prior to the 8/3/69 meeting, [redacted] stated this meeting was being held to elect a new [redacted] replacing [redacted] also said before 8/3/69 that he had talked on the phone to the State Office (evidently meaning [redacted] and had been told that all the members who had pleaded guilty had been or would be suspended from UFA. [redacted] said this statement had also been made by [redacted]

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Other informants have stated they consider it very likely [redacted] will be voted out. He never has been really popular with the rank and file membership.

[redacted] his source had stated [redacted] was very discouraged over this matter, felt he was bound to be defeated, and did not want to put up a fight at the 8/31/69 meeting. He did not want to even attend that meeting but to leave it up to the membership what his future status will be [redacted] had previously expressed that he did not really want the position of [redacted] anyhow,

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preferring to play the part of a power behind the throne. Since his being placed on probation in State Court, he feels in a real dilemma - members expect him to speak at every rally, and he is afraid there will be trouble at one and his probation will be revoked.

[redacted] that, after [redacted] He has not said so directly but apparently fears physical violence there.

[redacted] is preparing a letter to be printed and mailed about 8/21/69 as widely as possible to units and members in North Carolina. Also, he will have extra copies handed out to all delegates at the 8/31/69 meeting. He will also mail a copy to [redacted] in Federal prison - he is on his approved correspondence list.

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In the letter he will strongly urge support for the UHA members who did plead guilty and for payment of their fines. He will point out that their guilty pleas were with the concurrence of [redacted] and after lengthy conference with [redacted] and the [redacted] as their attorney signed the court document agreeing to reduction of charges and guilty pleas. He will dwell on the excessive fee paid to [redacted] and will state that [redacted] was actually retained by [redacted] and part of his fee paid, before North Carolina members had a chance to vote on retaining him.

He will point out that [redacted] was present on 7/4/69 when the others were arrested and hint that [redacted] either ran off and deserted the others or made some kind of deal with "the law" to keep from being arrested. He will point out that [redacted] would have a different attitude about the court "deal" if [redacted] had been on trial himself.

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The letter will attack the United Defense Fund and stress that North Carolina members should look after their own first. He will also state that, if the minimum of $200.00 is sent from each Klavern that [redacted] claims nationwide, a tremendous fund will be placed in the hands of [redacted] with no control over him. He will probably include some allegation that [redacted] is living very high already.

Throughout the letter, he will emphasize the line that [redacted] who [redacted] is coming into North Carolina and telling the members what to do. He will take the tone throughout that he is for the organization, particularly the North Carolina membership, and that [redacted] is acting against its best interests.

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It is the feeling of Charlotte that, whether [redacted] wins or loses, this attack will stir up considerable dissension and dissatisfaction against [redacted] and his Defense Fund and against the hiring of [redacted] and his high fee. [redacted] expects that at least [redacted] one of the defendants, will speak out strongly against [redacted]

Since 8/6/69, [redacted] has submitted a detailed dictated report about the whole matter, from the arrests on 7/4/69 through the meeting on 8/3/69. Included in this report is information that UKA members [redacted] were also present on 7/4/69 and [redacted] escaped arrest. According to his information [redacted] had actually been placed in a police car but jumped out and ran. He also included information about [redacted] having evaded arrest. The Bureau by letter dated 8/12/69 has authorized Charlotte furnishing information [redacted] to the Hyde County authorities.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Bureau authorize Charlotte to tell Hyde County authorities about [redacted] Charlotte has their photos. If done, Charlotte will emphasize we cannot make anyone available to testify and that the FBI must not be revealed as the source of this information. To further protect this source, this will be told to them as having come from talk of UKA members around Concord and Kannapolis, where [redacted] are from.

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If the State authorities desire to issue warrants for them, this will give UKA and [redacted] something more to worry about and raise money for. Also, it should have the effect of causing the membership generally to be more aware of the need for staying out of trouble and trouble-prone situations.

2. That Charlotte informants be discreetly urged to support the idea of keeping money in North Carolina rather than sending it to [redacted] for the United Defense Fund. They would not be urged directly to support [redacted] but taking a stand against sending the money to Alabama would in effect support him.

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

SAC, Charlotte (157-281)
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Director, FBI (157-9-4)

8/27/69

1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE SECTION
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA (UKA)

Re: Airtel 8/15/69.

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Charlotte is authorized to notify Hyde County authorities concerning [redacted]. In furnishing local authorities these photographs, Charlotte should insure that there are no Bureau markings on the photographic reproductions. In addition, and as set forth, Charlotte should advise local authorities that the FBI must not be revealed as the source of this information and no one from this Bureau can testify as to this information. In addition, and as suggested, Charlotte should tell the Hyde County authorities that this information was general talk by UKA members.

Charlotte is authorized to instruct selected Klan informants to fight the Klan order that North Carolina units furnish money for a defense fund. This should be done on a selected basis so that the UKA does not become aware of the existence of a plan to thwart this United Defense Fund. Charlotte should insure that strict security is maintained in this matter and that the Bureau is not divulged as the source. Advise of any results received.

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Letter to SAC, Charlotte
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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NOTE:

On 7/4/69 members of the UKA and Negroes from Middleton, North Carolina, were involved in a shoot-out. Arrests were made by local authorities on both sides. During the confusion several klansmen escaped arrest. We have previously furnished information concerning one of these klansmen to state authorities who are now investigating to determine if he can be prosecuted. Charlotte recommends that we advise Hyde County, North Carolina, authorities concerning [redacted] two other klansmen, who were involved and escaped arrest. In addition, we are advising Charlotte to tell the local authorities that no one from this Bureau can testify and the facts must be established by independent investigation. In addition, there has been much consternation in the North Carolina UKA concerning the formation of a United Defense Fund. Money would be obtained from various North Carolina units and sent to the national office of the UKA and used in defending all klansmen who are arrested. Charlotte recommends that [redacted] this would continue disruption and antagonism that has developed between Carolina Klan [redacted] and UKA [redacted] We are authorizing Charlotte to [redacted] authorizing Charlotte to furnish information to local authorities concerning those klansmen who escaped arrest on 7/4/69. The photographs of klansmen [redacted] are being furnished to local authorities for identification purposes to aid them in securing witnesses by separate investigation.

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FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 8/27/69, entitled "UKA, INC., KKKK, RM (KLAN)", and Birmingham airtel to Charlotte, 8/29/69, entitled "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, INTERNAL SECURITY, DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS".

Referenced Birmingham airtel requested information [redacted]

This letter has been widely distributed throughout North Carolina preparatory to and during a state meeting held at Wilson, N. C., on 8/31/69. [redacted]

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As the Bureau is aware, the state meeting held at Wilson, N. C., received a favorable vote for continuing the National Defense Fund and resulted in a vote in favor of dismissing [redacted] for North Carolina.

The resultant dissension felt by many of the members present at this meeting continues to exist throughout North Carolina. [redacted]

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Charlotte further recommends to the Bureau the following program:

Since the state meeting at Wilson, N. C., on 8/31/69, [redacted] It is felt that this will result in continued dissension between the North Carolina Klan and the national office and at the same time result in considerable dissension and frustration within the various local klaverns of UKA in North Carolina.

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[redacted] advised that he had been in contact with [redacted] area for the [redacted] in the [redacted] has been receptive to this idea and has indicated that he will, in fact, [redacted] at which time members present will nail their UKA membership cards to the cross and tear up their charters and burn them at the time of the cross burning.

The Bureau is requested to approve the furthering of such disruptive actions [redacted]

The Bureau is also requested to approve Charlotte's providing friendly press contacts with information to publicize the dissension, the thievery resulting from funds which cannot be accounted for and which have already been collected for the National Defense Fund, and to publicize generally the North Carolina Klan's intense hatred for the national office and the manner in which it is attempting to dictate to North Carolina klansmen.

If the Bureau approves these recommendations, Charlotte will immediately instruct appropriate informants and guide and direct their efforts in this regard. Charlotte will also, from time to time, provide friendly press contacts, who have been utilized successfully in the past, with information to publicize the Klan's problems as set out above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 9/9/69.

Since submission of reairtel [redacted]

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[redacted] the Piedmont section of North Carolina who are loyal to [redacted] At this time definite plans were

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made concerning a rally to be held on the evening of 9/15/69. During the rally a cross will be burned. Affixed to the cross prior to the cross burning will be the UKA membership cards of those klansmen present who are loyal to [redacted] and who are desirous of withdrawing from the UKA. Firm plans were made at this meeting, and it appears that approximately eight klaverns representing some 250-300 klansmen will support this rally.

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At a preliminary meeting concerning this rally on 9/5/69 it had been agreed to contact as many of the klaverns in the Piedmont area as possible for this rally and cross burning which is to signify the breaking away of the North Carolina Klan from the national UKA organization.

This information was furnished to friendly press contacts at the "Charlotte Observer" and the "Salisbury Post", daily newspapers at Charlotte and Salisbury, N. C., respectively.

Enclosed with this communication are three copies of the front page article appearing in the 9/9/69 edition of the "Charlotte Observer" titled "N. C. Klans Break Ties With Parent" and three copies of an editorial cartoon prepared by Mr. GENE PAYNE of the "Charlotte Observer" staff, winner of the Pulitzer Prize in the field of editorial cartoons this year. One copy of the article and cartoon are also being furnished Birmingham.

The autographed original cartoon drawing by Mr. PAYNE has been furnished to the SAC, Charlotte Division, for presentation to the Director with the compliments of Mr. PAYNE. This original cartoon drawing has been forwarded to the Director under separate cover.

Also enclosed for the Bureau are three copies, and for Birmingham one copy, of the article which appeared in the 9/9/69 edition of the "Salisbury Post" titled "N. C. Klan Splits From National Unit".

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These results which have been brought about through the efforts of these informants are most encouraging, and it is felt that their continued operation and direction towards the goal of continued splitting and dissension over the issues set out in reairtel will continue to have a detrimental effect on the Klan in North Carolina. These informants will continue to be guided along these lines.

The Bureau will be kept advised of the continuing positive results of this program.

By separate communication suitable for dissemination Charlotte is furnishing information concerning the public rally scheduled for 9/15/69. This communication will be submitted under caption "PUBLIC RALLY, UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, SPONSORED BY [redacted] 9/15/69, RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN".

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TO BURN CARDS

N.C. Klans Break Ties With Parent

By HOWARD COVINGTON
Observer Staff Writer

Ku Klux Klan leaders representing about 60 per cent of North Carolina's klansmen have broken with their parent United Klans of America, Inc.

They say they will symbolize the break next Monday night with a "card-burning, charter-burning, cross-burning ceremony" at Concord.

The issue is local anger over how the national office is using Klan money and power.

The break strikes at the heart of UKA, the largest Klan group in the nation.
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Similar disputes have splintered klan groups in other states since Imperial Wizard (national president) Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., was jailed last spring for contempt of court.

But the N.C. "realm," whose Grand Dragon (state president) J. Robert Jones joined Shelton in prison, has been UKA's biggest and richest organization.

In fact, the N.C. klan has won for the state the tag of "Klansville, U.S.A."

The break is being led by Joe Bryant of Charlotte, the man Jones left in charge while he is serving his one-year sentence.

Bryant, who is loyal to Jones, will have with him at the rally an imperial officer, two members of the N.C. state klan board, three of the state's nine province leaders and 10 unit chiefs, he said.

Meanwhile most of the eastern N.C. klansmen have fallen in behind Kannapolis klansman Bill Bates.

Bates was appointed head of the Klan Security Guard by UKA Executive Administrator Melvin Sexton of Tuscaloosa, who is running UKA while Shelton is in prison.

"Unless the people band together in North Carolina and say we're going to hold North Carolina together come hell or high water, it's going to completely destroy the klan," Bryant said.

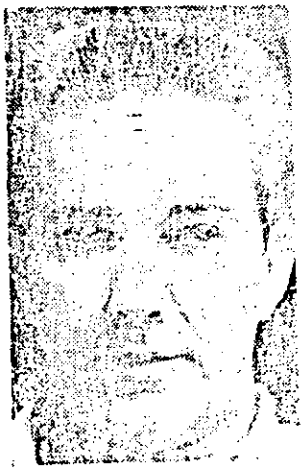
The object of the protest in North Carolina and in the other states is Sexton.

Bryant claims that Sexton is using the office to fill his own bank account at the same time he takes dictatorial control of the national organization.

At least twice, Sexton has used money collected in a national Klan drive to feather his own nest, Bryant said.

About $7,500 collected in a drive headed by Sexton to pay legal fees for 17 klansmen arrested in eastern North Carolina on charges of inciting to riot are unaccounted for, Bryant said.

"He was looking for an event of any nature to put in effect the National Defense Fund and assess units all over the country $200 to $500 on up," Bryant said.



Joe Bryant
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"Empty your treasuries," Sexton ordered klan units in a letter following the arrest in Hyde County.

Bryant opposed the establishment of the fund.

"We've got units that don't even have $200 and he was telling them he was going to jerk their charters if they didn't pay," Bryant said.

Another incident involved "Operation Patriotism," started by Sexton to support publication of "The Fiery Cross," the national UKA magazine.

Ten-dollar chances on Wizard Shelton's 1967 Chrysler Imperial were the drawing card. The state that collected the most was to get to host the national klonvocation (convention).

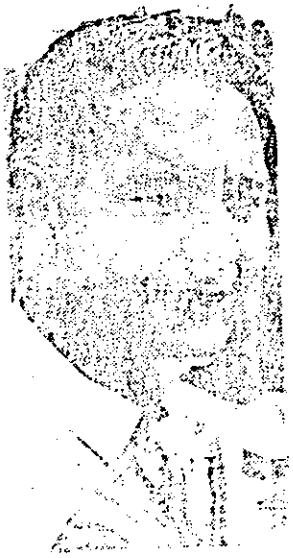
"Now he comes out and says there won't be a national klonvocation until Bobby Shelton comes out of jail and it will be in Tuscaloosa," Bryant said.

The N.C. klansmen bought the most subscriptions and helped Sexton collect about $20,000.

In Mississippi the UKA has been whittled from 1,500 to fewer than 100 members because of disagreement with Sexton.

In Maryland, Bryant said, Sexton threw out an imperial representative and "it tore the whole organization to pieces."

Sexton was once thrown out of the Virginia klan and Bryant said he would not recognize him as a klansman in North



J. Robert Jones
. . . Bryant's Choice

Carolina because he has broken the oath (Sexton named klansmen in an open letter, a klan crime).

After next week's cross-burning protest, Bryant said, he plans to try and hold his supporters together for Jones.

"At this moment I am not a member of the UKA. My unit voted (last Tuesday) to destroy its charter and have nothing to do with the United Klans of America until Bob Jones comes home," Bryant said.

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EXCLUSIVE

The Charlotte Observer
Charlotte, [illegible]

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Via AIRTEL _____ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of Birmingham airtel to Charlotte dated 8/29/69, captioned "COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, INTERNAL SECURITY, DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS".

This Birmingham airtel has reference to a letter prepared by [redacted] of North Carolina for UKA, and widely distributed by [redacted] to individual klansmen in North Carolina on or about 8/22/69.

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The Bureau is requested to consider the above program and advise Charlotte and Birmingham.

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8/29/69

AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED

TO : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835)(P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re CEairtel to Bureau dated 8/27/69, entitled "UKA, INC., KKKK, RM (KLAN)."

Reairtel enclosed an undated three-page printed letter signed by [redacted] North Carolina for the UKA. It was stated that this letter was mailed on 8/22/69 widely to individual members.

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All auxiliary offices that are to be given an opportunity to participate in this plan should be furnished information copies of pertinent communications.

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA

REALM OF NORTH CAROLINA

[redacted] [redacted]

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Dear Brothers of the North Carolina Realm of the U.K.A.

I am sending you this personal letter to set straight some things of importance to all of us, our Grand Dragon, and most of all our Organization.

Over the past month there have been rumors and stories concerning our North Carolina Realm that have greatly disturbed me. What I'm about to tell you comes from my heart, and I swear it to be true, and so that there will be no misunderstanding I'm putting my thoughts in writing and sending this to every Klansman I can in N. C. and also to the man who I have always called my brother - our [redacted]

When the last conspiracy by the government ended in [redacted] going to jail - for protecting us and living up to his oath as Klansman - [redacted] asked me to become Acting Grand Dragon. Feeling strongly about the Klan and about [redacted] made my decision easy, although I knew it was a difficult job to act in [redacted] place. None the less I took my oath to [redacted] to keep our N. C. Realm in good order until his return. This I tried to do, and think I did, until the events of this past month directly prompted an attempt to discredit me, and in a sense acting as Grand Dragon a smear against [redacted] and our Klan. I cannot keep silent as to the truth. On my oath I must tell you all what the truth is.

It all started when arrests were made in Middleton on July 4. I was leading a rally there when the niggers started trouble and which as decent white people we could not stomach. At the rally was [redacted]

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We didn't need a National Defense Fund. We needed Klansmen of North Carolina to come forward to help their brothers. We didn't need our brothers to sink more of our money into high priced out-siders who didn't even know how our North Carolina courts were run. We didn't ask for him - we didn't even know he was hired until after! I'm sure most of you will recall what another high priced lawyer did for [redacted] and the Imperial Wizard Bob Shelton - they are now sitting in jail, and my bones ache when I think of how we need [redacted] back with us here at home.

But now, the plan went into high gear. [redacted] blamed me for pleading guilty to a misdemeanor when I was charged with a felony - he said I was the leader and should not have allowed the 13 others to plead guilty to misdemeanor charges. As God is my witness - and you may confirm this with anyone of those who pleaded guilty - that International Lawyer said to do it! Check with [redacted] check; check; see for yourself.

Now if you really want to see - look at the public records of Hyde County in N. C. and see where Arthur Hanes, Sexton's lawyer, signed the guilty pleas. The judge called the lawyers into his office and told them before what he was going to do - and Hanes spent over 2 hours telling us this is what we were supposed to do. We paid $12,500 for a lawyer hired by Sexton to tell us to plead guilty! And now Sexton is blaming me for pleading guilty.

Is what [redacted] saying true? If you want to see the truth - look at the public record of Hyde County - there you'll see the truth in writing against a whispered lie against me and my 13 brothers. I guess [redacted] who [redacted] kicked off the Imperial Board feels about the same way.

That's what your money went for - $12,500. Now [redacted] high style of living and I guess [redacted] Ask any of those in court that day about the alligator shoes and $150 suits. Just where is the justice in that? Who's rights were really being protected? And whose pocketbook?

Now there was some talk about me hiring my own lawyers. This was done before this high priced Alabama lawyer was hired, and I told you, [illegible] I only wanted lawyers representing us who we

I will not attend the meeting in Wilson on August 30 and 31, so that you may feel free to deliberate on what I have spoken here. I have said the truth - I have put it in writing. If you still believe [redacted] or his followers, and want to send your money to Alabama, I will step down only if my brother and friend, [redacted] says so, because I took this sacred trust from him and only he can take it back - even though I will surely abide also with the wishes of my brothers, so if both [redacted] and my N. C. Klansmen say step down, I will obey.

I ask, on Behalf of our Klan, and in the name of God and Country, for your vote of confidence.

Your Friend and Loyal Supporter

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh
1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

SAC, Charlotte (157-281)

9-24-69

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Director, FBI (157-9-8) — 157

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF KLAN AND WHITE HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., (UKA)
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

ReCEairtel 9-16-69.

The counterintelligence suggestion as proposed by Charlotte in referenced airtel is appreciated and well founded. Charlotte should continue its hard-hitting counterintelligence campaign in an effort to completely extinguish the UKA.

Authority is granted for Charlotte to [redacted] Strict security must be maintained. Charlotte should advise the Bureau of the results of the mailing.

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Letter to SAC, Charlotte
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF KLAN AND WHITE HATE GROUPS
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 9/12/69.

Since submission of reairtel [redacted] within various Klaverns in the North Carolina Realm of UKA over the dismissal of [redacted] and over the continuance of the National Defense Fund as implemented by the national office of UKA.

These informants also report that the public rally sponsored [redacted] has had considerable effect throughout the North Carolina Klan organization. It was at this rally that membership cards of members of the various klaverns splitting off from the national organization of UKA were affixed to the cross and burned at the termination of the rally. This rally received wide television and radio coverage in North Carolina and was picked up by Associated Press and other news media [redacted]

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and [redacted] personally for his operation of Klan matters in general." [redacted]

Enclosed for the Bureau are three copies, and for Birmingham two copies, each of two news articles which have appeared subsequent to previous communications; one entitled "N. C. Klansmen Split With National Group" which appeared in the 9/15/69 edition of the "Charlotte News", Charlotte, N. C., and the second article entitled "N. C. Klan Goes Its Own Way" which appeared in the 9/16/69 edition of the "Charlotte Observer", Charlotte, N. C.

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Charlotte's informants have achieved exceptional results in this area and it is anticipated that they will continue to further the split of the North Carolina Klansmen from the national organization.

To continue this turmoil within the North Carolina Klan organization, Charlotte requests the Bureau to consider and approve the following counterintelligence action by the Charlotte Division:

(1) A continuation of authority to furnish friendly press contacts in Charlotte, N. C., with appropriate public source material concerning the Klan, individual members and specific klaverns, so as to achieve the best possible results in the furtherance of local dissension and dissatisfaction in the national organization's operation. If approved, Charlotte will continue to furnish information to [redacted] Staff Writer for the Charlotte Observer, or [redacted] Staff Writer for the Charlotte Observer, both of whom have

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utilized information previously furnished in a most circumspect manner and achieved excellent results. Both of these individuals are discreet in their use of the information and are aware that the source of their information must be concealed. The Bureau has previously authorized information to be furnished to these individuals in previous counterintelligence measures undertaken by the Charlotte Division in the Klan area.

(2) Similarly, as above requested, Charlotte requests authority to furnish information periodically to [redacted] for the Salisbury Post, Salisbury, N. C. Both individuals are friendly press contacts and it is felt their services can be utilized to good advantage in the circulation area covered by their newspaper which encompasses the state headquarters of UKA in North Carolina. Both individuals utilize the information furnished in a most discreet manner and understand that their source of information cannot be divulged.

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(3) Charlotte recommends that the Bureau approve [redacted]

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[redacted] as advised that [redacted] and feels that if [redacted] disruption in the Klan organizations [redacted] For this reason, [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

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Burn Cards At Concord

N.C. Klansmen Split With National Group

But They Intend To Stay Active

CONCORD — A large group of North Carolina Ku Klux Klansmen last night stapled their membership cards to a kerosene-soaked wooden cross here and set it afire.

The approximately 350 cards were burned in a move to break the North Carolina klansmen's ties with the United Klans of America (UKA), but the group intends to remain active as a klan.

The dissident klansmen will rally behind their own organization, led by Joe Bryant of Charlotte, while waiting for Grand Dragon Robert Jones to be released from a federal prison term he is now serving for contempt of Congress.

Bryant was named to lead the North Carolina klansmen while Jones serves his prison term, and Bryant led the break with the national office.

BEHIND HIM last night were the state's representative to the UKA, five of the state's 10 klan local members and 10 local units—representing roughly half of the state's UKA membership.

The local klansmen are angry over the manner in which the national office has been pyramiding klan power and money since national President Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., also was jailed for contempt of Congress.

Tom Morris of Concord, a former Imperial officer recently ousted, said he was against national's repeated requests for money which often was poorly accounted for. "We've been bled and bled and bled," Morris said.

He also complained that national had abused the state organization in matters of power, almost the same "state's rights" charge the UKA has thrown at the federal government.

"Man, we've been fighting this thing for years and years in our government and we can't stand it in our own organization," Morris said.

"Money and power, that's the reason. We're coming more and more like a dictatorship."

The new state klan group will be called the North Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and will serve as a replacement here for the UKA.

Jones will be given the chance to take over leadership

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of the group, Bryant said.

ONE UKA LOYALIST showed up before the meeting and said he didn't agree with national offices but "I'm going to pay my dues 'til Bob gets back." He left to a soft chorus of warnings.

A threat on Bryant's life was reported. A Cabarrus County sheriff's deputy stood watch at the gate to the pasture in which the rally was held.

There were none of the usual elements of a Klan rally. Bryant spoke softly and briefly before the cross was lighted. No one wore the familiar white robes.

One man, dressed in a suit although most of the others were sport or working clothes, said, "I always wear a suit of clothes when I go to a funeral and the United Klans of America is dead."

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Membership Cards Go Up In Blaze Of The Cross

N.C. Klan Goes Its Own Way

By HOWARD COVINGTON
Observer Staff Writer

CONCORD — N.C. Ku Klux Klansmen representing about half the state's membership in the United Klans of America, Inc. — the largest klan group in the country—stapled their membership cards to a kerosene-soaked wooden cross and set it afire Monday night, thus breaking their ties with the national organization.

Some local unit leaders also said they had turned in their charters in the UKA but they vowed they hadn't put away their sheets for good. About 350 membership cards were tacked to the cross.

For the time being the dissident Klansmen will rally behind their own young organization, led by Joe Bryant of Charlotte, in wait of Grand Dragon J. Robert Jones, now serving a federal prison term for contempt of Congress.

Bryant, who was named to shepherd the N.C. Klansmen while Jones is in prison, led the break with the national office.

But behind him Monday night were the state's representative to the UKA, five of the state's 10 klan board members and 10 local units — representing roughly half of the state's UKA membership.

The issue is local anger over the manner the national office has been managing klan power and money since national president Robert Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., also was jailed for contempt of Congress.

"We've been bled and bled and bled," said Tom Morris of Concord, a former Imperial officer ousted recently. He said he was against national's repeated requests for money which after was poorly accounted for.

He also complained of the abuse of national UKA power over state organization almost the same "state's rights" charge that the UKA has thrown at the federal government.

"Man, we've been fighting this thing for years and years in our government and we can't stand it in our own organization," Morris said.

Money and power, that's the reason. We're coming more and more into a dictatorship," he said.

The new state klan group — to be called the N.C. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan — will serve as a replacement for the UKA.

"It's like people when they don't go to church for three or four weeks. They lose interest," said Morris.

Jones will be given the chance to take over the group, said Bryant.

For the most part the evening was brief and uneventful.

One UKA loyalist showed up before the cross was burned, and said, "I don't agree with them (national officers) but I'm going to pay my dues 'til Bob gets back." He left to a soft, mumbled chorus of warnings.

There was also a report of a threat on Bryant's life. A Cabarrus County sheriff's deputy stood watch at the gate to the pasture.

The field was thick with rich, green grass that served as a home for gnats and mosquitoes. The flaming cross with its black kerosene smoke provided a welcome deterrent to the insects.

There were none of the usual elements of a klan rally. Bryant spoke softly and briefly about his "protest," allowed a few minutes on the platform — back of the pickup truck — to Morris and then asked Harold Murray of Kannapolis, a crippled watchmaker, to light the cross.

None wore the familiar white robes.

While the cross burned, "Rev." L. F. Barbee raised his arms and prayed for "first class Klansmen in this world."

The "protest" rally was over. Said one man, dressed in a suit while most were sport or working clothes:

"I always wear a suit of clothes when I go to a funeral and the United Klans of America is dead."

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1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

SAC, Charlotte (157-281) 10-3-69

Director, FBI (157-9-8) 157-9458

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL MATTERS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA)

ReCharltel 9-22-69.

Authority to furnish public source information concerning the fight between the North Carolina Klan and national Klan headquarters to Howard Covington is approved. Charlotte should insure that this information is strictly public source and its disclosure will not compromise or endanger Bureau security.

Referenced airtel requests permission to furnish public source information to [redacted] for the "Salisbury Post." Authority is being withheld at this time. Charlotte should furnish a description of the public source information that will be divulged and background information concerning Cline and Lucas. This background should include statements as to their previous cooperation.

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The suggestion of Charlotte that [redacted]

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NOTE:

Charlotte has submitted three recommendations aimed toward disrupting the UKA. For the last several months we have engaged in continuing counterintelligence in an effort to split the North Carolina Klan from the Klan national headquarters. This has been partially accomplished through

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Letter to SAC, Charlotte
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL MATTERS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA)
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[redacted] rally at which several hundred Klan membership cards were burned. In an effort to continue this program, Charlotte has recommended the furnishing of public source information concerning the Klan and the split to [redacted] for the "Charlotte Observer." We have previously furnished information to him and [redacted] and they are considered trusted friends of the Bureau. They have utilized the material furnished with excellent results. Without hesitation, we are authorizing Charlotte to furnish public source data to [redacted] Charlotte recommended furnishing public source information to two other writers. Prior to authorizing this, we are calling for a delineation of the information and background on these persons. In addition, Charlotte suggests [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

DATE: 10/3/69

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte letter, 7/2/69, and Charlotte airtels to Bureau, 8/15/69, 9/9,12,16,22/69.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS LETTER

Set forth below is current information concerning the counterintelligence program being directed towards the UKA in the Charlotte Division:

Split of North Carolina Realm With National Office of UKA

It is anticipated that North Carolina [redacted] will have its effect on some former klansmen who can be expected to return to the UKA when [redacted] is released from prison. It is recognized that every effort must be exerted to hold this attraction to a minimum and to prevent any resurgence or growth in the Klan upon [redacted] release from prison.

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To accomplish this the Charlotte Division set out on a program aimed at creating disharmony and disunity between individual klaverns in North Carolina and the North Carolina state office. This same program was aimed at creating disharmony between the North Carolina klaverns and the national office of UKA. In this regard, [redacted]

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Realm and the national office of UKA, [redacted] in the absence of Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON.

The results of this program reached a climax following the 8/31/69 North Carolina state meeting of UKA which was held at Wilson, N. C., and attended by [redacted] and other national officials. It was at this state meeting that [redacted] and the National Defense Fund was approved for further continuance as it was originally set forth by [redacted] Following this state meeting [redacted]

[redacted] created such disharmony in the Piedmont area of North Carolina that members of approximately 10 klaverns, comprising approximately 250-300 klansmen, joined [redacted] and at a public rally held on 9/15/69 announced their intention to split with the national office of UKA. This rally received wide publicity from local press, radio and television, and subsequently received national publicity, all of which has contributed greatly to the demise of the Klan in North Carolina.

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Recommendation

Charlotte would recommend that the above program be continued and that [redacted] which decline was being brought about through the irresponsible acts of [redacted] by forcing upon each local klavern outrageous demands for contributions to the National Defense Fund.

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[redacted] has stated that he will give [redacted] the opportunity to state whether [redacted] will take over the dissident faction in North Carolina which has split off from the national office or whether he will turn his back on the "loyal" klansmen who have felt it necessary to break away from the national office. It is felt that either choice [redacted] makes in this regard will alienate him either from the standpoint of the national office if he accepts these men back or it will alienate him from this group of klansmen should he concur with the national office's stand.

[redacted] to North Carolina Klansmen and Klansmen in Other Realms

On 8/22/69, [redacted] in a three page, undated letter, which was mailed widely to North Carolina Klan members, explained his position regarding the shooting incident occurring between klansmen and Negroes at Middletown, N. C., on 7/4/69. It was this shooting incident which precipitated the national office's establishment of the National Defense Fund which was to be financed through donations ranging as high as $300 or $400 from each klavern.

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The subsequent events surrounding the trial of the 17 klansmen arrested following this shooting incident and the hiring of [redacted] to represent the Klan for $12,500 were seized upon by the Charlotte Division as another opportunity in which considerable dissension and disgust could be brought about throughout the entire North Carolina Realm.

[redacted] hired a high priced lawyer who did nothing more than plead the members guilty, and pointed out that [redacted] himself was nowhere to be found in the area during the critical period. Following the mailing of this letter informants reported that it had considerable effect, particularly along the eastern portion of the state where the trial received extensive publicity.

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By separate communication Charlotte and Birmingham, following Bureau approval [redacted]

Conclusion

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Charlotte will continue with the present programs which have previously been approved by the Bureau as relates to the furnishing of appropriate information to friendly press contacts so as to continue the program of creating disharmony throughout the North Carolina Realm. The publicity afforded the National Defense Fund and to the group in North Carolina which has broken away from the national office has had considerable impact on the present Klan structure, and informants have reported a decided lack of interest and a lack of inquiry from prospective new members since the publicity concerning the National Defense Fund and the split was announced.

It is felt that this program and its resultant effects have materially damaged the Klan in North Carolina at the present time. While it is anticipated that there may be some resurgence upon [redacted] release from prison, the present steps being taken as set out above will probably place [redacted] in a difficult position either with the national office or with the men in his own state organization.

Charlotte will closely follow the events in the Klan organization and will make appropriate recommendations for further counterintelligence actions to the Bureau as they become apparent.

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ROUTE IN ENVELOPE

1 - Mr. J. A. Marion

SAC, Charlotte (157-281) 10-14-69

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Director, FBI (157-9-8) - 159

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL MATTERS - DISRUPTION OF
HATE GROUPS UNITED KLANS OF
AMERICA, INC., (UKA)

ReCElet 10-3-69.

Referenced letter recommends that Charlotte Klan [redacted] to further the split in the North Carolina Klan. Charlotte should insure that general directions given to informants should be on a highly selective basis to prevent Klan officials from becoming cognizant of a plan.

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At this time, and through the efforts of Charlotte racial informants, the UKA is split in two sections. Charlotte recommends that informants be instructed to further this split by [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8) DATE: 11/4/69

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
RACIAL MATTERS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. (UKA)

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 9/22/69, and Bureau letter to Charlotte, 10/3/69.

Referenced communications set forth suggestions relative to furnishing public source information to [redacted] of the Charlotte Observer, Charlotte, N. C., and to [redacted] of the Salisbury Post, Salisbury, N. C., and to the possibility of having [redacted]

In accordance with authority granted by the Bureau, public source material will be furnished to [redacted] as the occasion and opportunity warrants. Bureau authority was not granted for furnishing such information to [redacted] and it is not deemed necessary to furnish such information at the present time. In the event such occasion presents itself in the future, Charlotte will furnish the Bureau the nature of the information to be furnished as well as other information concerning [redacted]

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[redacted] is attempting to form a new Klan organization which he has chosen to call the North Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, but it should be noted this is not the same organization of a similar name which was in existence previously.

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In connection with his attempts to organize such splinter group, [redacted] has distributed "Newsletters" similar to the "Newsletters" put out by the state office of UKA. One copy each of [redacted] "Newsletter" is enclosed herewith for information of the Bureau and Birmingham. [redacted]

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It is felt that another separate letter attacking [redacted] in addition to the "Newsletters" might have a tendency to establish a "pattern", and it is therefore recommended that such letter not be distributed at this time.

Charlotte will remain alert for any additional counterintelligence possibilities and make appropriate recommendations.

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North Carolina Knights of the

Ku Klux Klan

P. O. BOX 344
CHERRYVILLE, N. C.

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NEWS FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
TO THE WHITE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CONCORD, N.C. What a wonderful turnout we had for the Cross-Burning & Card-Burning held in Concord on Sept. 15, 1969. This was the largest number of Klanspeople that we have had at a public meeting in a long time. We also had the largest number of newsmen at this meeting that we have ever had. The write-ups were very good and we would like to thank all the Klanspeople for their help with this meeting. Also our thanks go to the News Media for their fairness in reporting this PROTEST of the dictatorial powers of one man [redacted]

GREENSBORO, N.C. We have a report from our [redacted] and he said that he is getting a lot of our former members back that have read in the newspapers about what we are doing, and they to believe in local control of the organization. Keep up the good work [redacted]

EASTERN, N.C. I have just received a letter from this area and we now have our first BIG unit in the east. We are now going to make a big move to organize in every town in N.C. So if you or your unit haven't as yet joined the N.C. Klan we would welcome you to join with us.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. I know that most of you have heard the lies being spread about your Acting Grand Dragon as well as other members of your state board so let me say to you good White People of N.C. do not be deceived by those so-called klanspeople. We are cutting deep into the pocket books of these money-grubbers and they will try everything under the sun to stop the N.C.K.K.K.K. but they will find that we are not easy to stop. The N.C. Klan is here to stay, and neither the niggers, communist nor the money-grubbers will stop us.

CHERRYVILLE,N.C. Oct. 12, 1969 There will be a State Officers meeting in the Klavern Hall at 2:30 P.M. All members of the Board are asked to make this meeting. All members of the N.C. Klan are invited if you would like to attend this or any board meeting. You are welcome to see how well the N.C.Klan Board operates and also see that everything is above board. We have nothing to hide. If you would like to bring something before the board all you have to do is be there an ask to be heard.

ATTENTION TITANS & STATE BOARD MEMBERS: All Titans will set their Province meetings up for the month of Oct. on the third Sunday which is the 19. At that time set your meeting up for the day that suits the members of your province best. The state board meetings will be held for the month of Oct. Sunday the 12th. For the month of Nov. it will be on the 2nd. of Nov. Don't forget all members should attend this

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North Carolina Knights of the

Ku Klux Klan

P. O. BOX 344
CHERRYVILLE, N. C.

November 2nd, meeting as this will be to hold an election for your new State Board Members. Have every member attend as the N.C. Board voted in their last meeting to give every member who is paid up the right to vote on their State Officers. You do not have to send delegates, You can now do your own voting.

CONCORD, N.C. Members of the State Board were invited to attend the meeting of several Ladies Units in the Concord area on Thur. Oct. 2nd. and we had a wonderful time. We tried to explain to the ladies all about the North Carolina Klan and I think they liked the Set up much better than the u.k.a. Thanks to these Ladies for allowing us to come up and be with them.

LANDIS, N.C. A unit of the N.C. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was broken into a few days ago an a lot of the equipment belonging to that unit was stolen. We have investigated this and are now in the process of having the police recover the stolen property. We also intend to have the guilty persons tried for this illegal act against the N.C. Klan.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. The Director of the K.I.A. of the N.C.Klan is making an investigation of the people in leadership of the U.K.A. in N.C. This information will be sent to you at a later date. The Director has already advised our State Board that the top man in N.C. has a criminal record dating back some years and that one of his men has as many as 17 cases he has been tried for dating back to when he was 16 years old. Watch for future reports on this.....

If you have any news items you would like to have put in the NEWSLETTER please send it along to the above address and I will try and get it in the next letter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

DATE: 11/4/69

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte letter to Bureau, 10/3/69, and Birmingham letter to Bureau, 9/26/69.

Enclosed to Atlanta, Columbia, Indianapolis and Columbia, for information, is one copy each of referenced Birmingham letter to Bureau setting forth the individuals to whom letters have been forwarded as set forth below.

Referenced Charlotte letter set forth information concerning a three page, undated letter which was mailed widely to North Carolina Klan members by [redacted]

[redacted] letter explained his position regarding the shooting incident between Klansmen and Negroes occurring on 7/4/69 at Middletown, N. C. Informants reported this letter had considerable effect on numerous Klansmen throughout the state and was the source of additional dissent and dissatisfaction among the members.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-[illegible])

DATE: 10/31/[illegible]

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-291) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
[illegible] DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.;
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte letters to Bureau 10/3/[illegible] and [illegible] Bureau letters to Charlotte, 10/3/69 and 10/14/[illegible].

QUARTERLY PROGRAM [illegible]

Set forth below is current information concerning the counterintelligence program joint directed towards the UKA in the Charlotte Division:

Split of North Carolina [illegible]
National Office of UKA

[illegible] 10/3/[illegible]. [redacted] in North Carolina, [illegible] North Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKKK) utilizing disenchanted members of the UKA.

Charl[illegible] [redacted]

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[redacted] have produced a Klan newsletter in which he attacked [illegible] CLAXTON, and this newsletter has been widely distributed to Klansmen in North Carolina. Copies of this newsletter have previously been furnished the Bureau. [illegible] informants within the Charlotte Division. [redacted] organization has approximately [illegible] Klaverns comprising some 500 individuals who have definitely committed themselves to

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his organization. In addition to this, information has been received concerning numerous other Klaverns who are taking a "wait and see" attitude towards [redacted] organization and what decisions following the return of North Carolina [redacted]

This has resulted in considerable confusion since these Klaverns are refusing to send dues to the state and national offices pending a final determination of their [illegible] as to whether they will remain in UKA or join [redacted] organization. This has seriously impaired the individual Klavern's ability to carry on any organized activity.

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Recommendation

It is recommended that Charlotte informants on a selected basis continue to be instructed to further the dissension and confusion which arises through discussion in the various Klaverns as to the advisability of remaining with UKA or joining [redacted] organization. This gives the informants the opportunity to again [redacted] and the UKA rationally and [illegible] [redacted] or any other plan [illegible]. It is felt that this will be an effective measure which will continue to weaken the UKA Klaverns in North Carolina.

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[redacted] Letter to North Carolina Klansmen and Klansmen in Other Realms

In Charlotte letter to Bureau, 10/3/68, it was pointed out that [redacted] had widely mailed a three page, undated letter setting forth his position and defending his actions following the shooting incident occurring between Klansmen and Troopers at Middletown, N. C., on 7/4/68. [redacted]

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Recommendation

It is recommended that selected Charlotte informants be urged to influence [redacted] in the preparation and mailing of additional letters of this nature as the opportunities arise. With the pending release of North Carolina [redacted] from prison on 1/2/70, it is felt that opportunities may arise in which [redacted] organization may be critical of [redacted] attempts to reorganize the UKA in North Carolina. These criticisms can be disseminated widely throughout the UKA in North Carolina which should have a further detrimental effect and continue to cause dissension and disharmony among the remaining members of UKA.

Charlotte will remain alert for any additional counterintelligence possibilities and make appropriate recommendations to the Bureau as the opportunities arise.

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1 - Mr. J. V. Walsh
1 - Mr. H. E. Helgeson

SAC, Charlotte (157-281) 1/16/70

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Director, FBI (157-9-8)-162

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Reallot 12/31/69.

You are authorized to continue to instruct informants on a selected basis to further Klan disrupt[illegible] whenever appropriate, including [redacted]

Insure instructions to informants are given on a selected basis so that Klan officials will not be cognizant of an overall plan in this regard.

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NOTE:

Charlotte Office has been highly successful in disrupting Klan activities in their Division through the utilization o[redacted] the UKA in North Carolina, in splitting off from the national office of the UKA. Charlotte recommends continuation of these efforts. This is a productive counterintelligence program and should be continued.

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Date: 1/26/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte letter to Bureau, 12/31/69.

Charlotte submits for the Bureau's consideration the following as possible counterintelligence action against the Klan within the Charlotte Division.

During the time that the UKA was pursuing "Operation Patriotism", numerous klansmen within the Charlotte Division subscribed to the Klan magazine "The Fiery Cross" by entering a subscription and making a donation which also entitled them to a chance on SHELTON's automobile, which was being raffled off. The klansmen who participated in this program forwarded $10 to the national office, which included their subscription and the purchase of a ticket for a chance on the automobile.

Since the split between North Carolina klansmen and the national office which occurred in September, 1969, there has continued to be considerable dissension throughout North Carolina between the members who have broken off and are led by [redacted] and those klansmen remaining loyal to the UKA.

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It appears that the national office has removed from the subscription list many, perhaps all, of the klansmen who have broken away from UKA but who did subscribe to

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Date:

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Via _____ _____
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"The Fiery Cross" under "Operation Patriotism". Although their subscriptions have not expired, these men are no longer receiving the Klan magazine and there has been no effort by the national office to refund the unfulfilled subscription price to the donor.

[redacted]

This appears to present an opportunity to create further disharmony and at the same time embarrass the national office of UKA by having these klansmen who are not receiving the magazine to make an official complaint to Postal authorities alleging that the national office of UKA has fraudulently taken their money for a subscription to the Klan magazine which the national office has now refused to send.

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It is recommended and requested that the Bureau approve the Charlotte Division [redacted]

Upon receipt of Bureau advice, Charlotte will proceed accordingly in this matter.

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Special Agent in Charge

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1 - Mr. H. E. Helgeson

SAC, Charlotte (157-281) 2/12/70

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

ReCEairtel 1/26/70.

You are not authorized to implement counterintelligence proposal submitted in realrtel. The Bureau agrees that such action might create disharmony and embarrassment to the national office of the United Klans of America (UKA); however, it would not be appropriate for the Bureau to institute an action such as this which might result in a flood of complaints to the United States Postal Inspectors wherein ultimate prosecution is doubtful.

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As an alternative, you are authorized to direct [redacted]

Advise Bureau of any positive results.

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NOTE:

Charlotte has advised that in the recent past numerous klansmen within the Charlotte Division contributed $10 to the UKA which entitled them to a subscription to the Klan magazine, "The Fiery Cross." In September, 1969, a split occurred in which a number of the klansmen broke off from the UKA and as a result the national office of the UKA has removed these dissident klansmen from the subscription list and has refunded their money. Many of these klansmen are incensed at being removed from the mailing list

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and not receiving a refund of money, Charlotte proposed a counterintelligence program wherein [redacted] b7D: [redacted] It does not appear that flooding postal authorities with such complaints would be an appropriate action on our part. The alternative we have suggested may attain equally disruptive results.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8) DATE: 3/30/70

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281) (P)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.,
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN)
CHARLOTTE DIVISION

Re Charlotte letter to Bureau, 12/31/69.

QUARTERLY PROGRESS LETTER

Set forth below is current information concerning the counterintelligence program being directed towards the UKA in the Charlotte Division:

Split of North Carolina Realm With National Office of UKA

Since submission of referenced Quarterly Progress Letter on 12/31/69, [redacted] of UKA in North Carolina, has continued to develop and organize the North Carolina Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NCKKKK). [redacted] is attempting to solidify his gains and to recruit "new" members of UKA, attempting to entice them away from North Carolina [redacted] UKA.

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In line with the weakening effect and the disruptive effect that [redacted] actions have been causing in the UKA, selected Charlotte [redacted] in regard to his past financial delinquencies and have been endeavoring to create additional dissension within the existing UKA units.

Specifically, [redacted]

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considerable difficulty in reactivating former units. [redacted]

By communication dated 1/26/70, Charlotte presented for the Bureau's consideration the possibility of having dissident klansmen file complaints with the Post Office Department regarding the discontinuance of their subscriptions to the "Fiery Cross" following their withdrawal from UKA.

By communication dated 2/12/70, the Bureau advised it did not appear to be appropriate to institute such action, but did authorize as an alternative to have [redacted]

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Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Charlotte Division that selected [redacted]

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the past discussion of the possibility of joining [redacted] group has created dissension and an argumentative atmosphere and appears to have a detrimental effect in the Klavern generally.

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Charlotte is following closely other activities of [redacted] and will make appropriate counterintelligence recommendations as the opportunity arises.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-8)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-281)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
DISRUPTION OF KKK GROUPS
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Airtel to Charlotte and Birmingham, 6/10/70.

Re Airtel requested Charlotte and Birmingham to submit suggestions for possible counterintelligence measures to be utilized during the National Klonvokation of UKA to be held at Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C., 6/26-28/70.

The following suggestions are submitted for the Bureau's consideration and approval:

1) As of this date there has not been a great deal of exposure in the news media concerning the Klonvokation. It is also felt that the members of the Board of Trustees at Catawba College are generally unaware that the facilities at the college are to be utilized for a national Klan meeting.

In this regard, Charlotte suggests that copies of the letter circulated by Imperial Wizard ROBERT SHELTON relating to the location of the Klonvokation, and possibly a copy of the newsletter put out by North Carolina [redacted] be mailed anonymously to each member of the Board of Trustees. It would be recommended that such mailings be made from the Salisbury, N. C., area and could be formulated in such fashion as to possibly create an impression to members of the Board of Trustees to cancel the Klonvokation.

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2) In conjunction with the above Charlotte would also recommend that friendly press sources be furnished information concerning the Klonvokation so that articles publicizing the Klonvokation would appear a day or two prior to the actual Klonvokation.

As a follow-up to these articles, anonymous calls or letters of protest could be directed to the college Board of Trustees critical of college facilities being utilized for a meeting of this type. It is felt that some confusion and perhaps consideration for cancellation of the facilities might be achieved after the arrival of the delegates and other Klansmen to attend the meeting.

3) Consideration could also [redacted] b2

[redacted] In this regard, anonymous calls could be made to the various motels in the Salisbury area cancelling reservations made by Klansmen who intend [redacted] for the Klonvokation.

Charlotte recommends current consideration of the area possible counterintelligence measures to be utilized at the appropriate time to create confusion and a disruptive influence over the proceedings. Charlotte will take no counterintelligence action without prior Bureau approval.

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